

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Reclamation Division

Memorandum

To: Commissioners Fedorchak, Christmann, and Kroshus
Steve Kahl, Executive Director
John Schuh, General Counsel

From: *DKM ZAB*
Dean Moos, Zanna Brinkman, and Jeff Roerick

Date: April 1, 2021

Subject: Application for Renewal No. 5 to Permit No. NAFK-9503 held by The Falkirk Mining Company, Case No. RC-20-419

On October 6, 2020, The Falkirk Mining Company (Falkirk) filed the application for Renewal No. 5 to Permit NAFK-9503 to continue mining and reclamation operations in all or portions of Sections 29, 30, 31, and 32, T146N, R83W; Section 36 T146N, R84W; Sections 7, 18, 19, and 30, T145N, R82W; Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36, T145N, R83W; Sections 1, 2, 12, and 13, T145N, R84W; Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9, T144N, R83W; Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, and 12, T144N, R84W, McLean County, totaling 29,100.4 acres. The Reclamation Division has completed its review of this five-year permit renewal and respectfully recommends it be approved.

Falkirk has applied for this renewal because mining and reclamation operations will continue in this permit area for many years. Mining and reclamation plans and other information were updated for the next permit term with Revision No. 33.

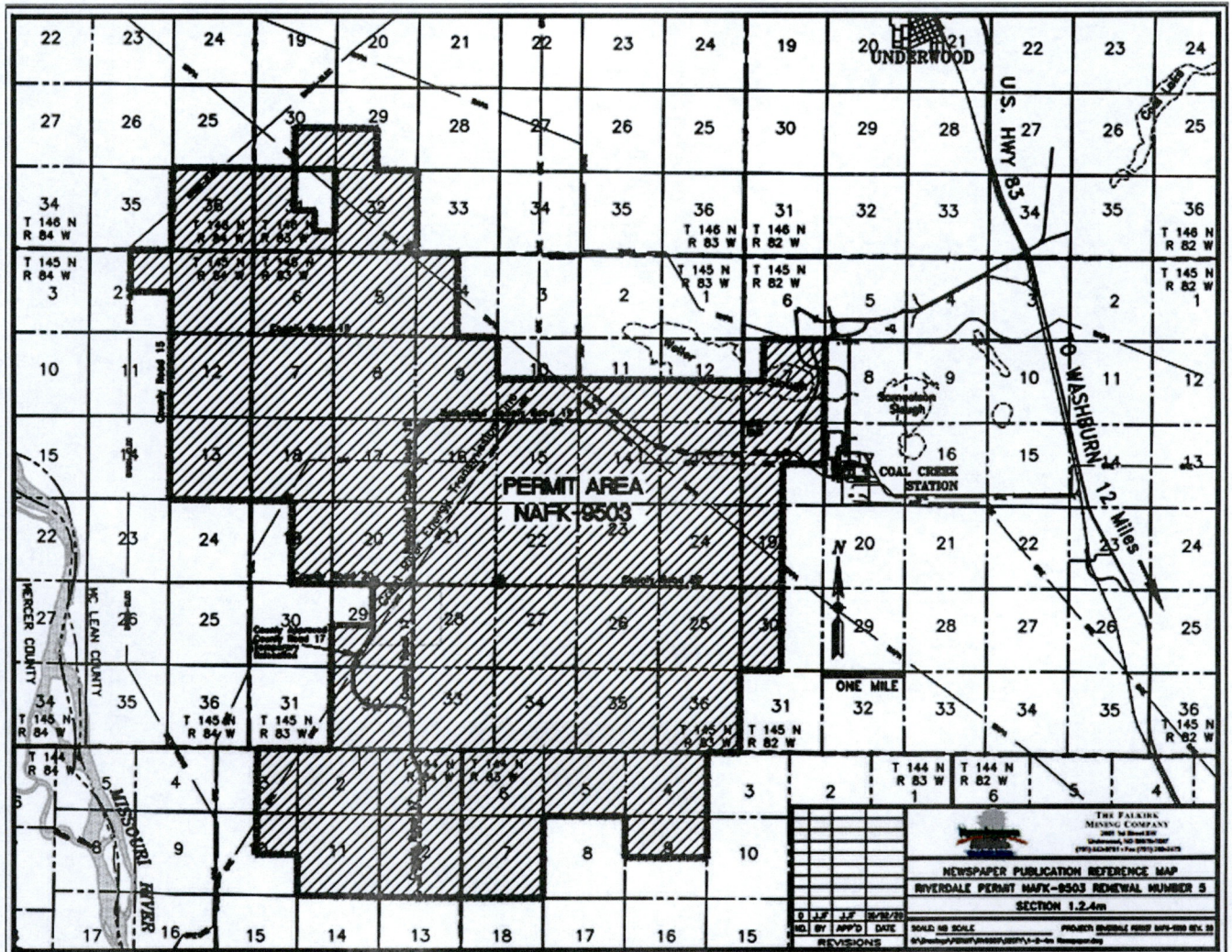
Falkirk has submitted the affidavits of publication of the newspaper notice. We notified the appropriate agencies, affected landowners, and the advisory committee members. We received no objections to this renewal application.

Evidence of adequate performance bond and liability insurance are currently on file. A combination of surety, self and collateral bonds totaling \$99,450,000 cover this and other permits at the Falkirk Mine that are part of a consolidated bond area.

Attached for your consideration at the April 1, 2021 commission meeting are the proposed motion and renewal approval forms. **Figure 1** is a Permit Area Map illustrating the NAFK-9503 permit area.

Attachments

Figure 1.
NAFK-9503 Permit Area Map



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