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NORTH DAKOTA
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Dear Zanna Brinkman:

This letter is in reference to the review of Falkirk Mining Company's application for Revision No. 42 to Surface Coal Mining Permit No. NAFK-8405 at the Falkirk Mine in McLean County, North Dakota.

The Prime Farmland Section 2.8 has been reviewed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). We did not find deficiencies in the prime farmland section but offer the following comment. Mixing of prime and nonprime subsoil materials has been allowed in the past. NRCS does not oppose this practice, if the substituted materials can be adequately evaluated to confirm they are similar to the prime subsoil.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue. We look forward to working with the Public Service Commission in the future.

Sincerely,

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