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Dear Mr. Frye:

The Reclamation Division has reviewed Falkirk Mining Company's November 8, 2022 response to our first technical review letter dated October 4, 2022 for Revision No. 42 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-8405 by the Falkirk Mining Company. Please note that the follow-up items reference the item as numbered in the October 4, 2022 technical review letter. The following items were noted during this review and must be satisfactorily addressed prior to revision approval:

Section 3.6 – Surface Water Management

1. The Total Water Management Plan Map (Section 3.6.1a) depicts scattered pairs of red dots and a solid north-south red line in the E½ of Section 33, T147N, R82W. Please identify these features in the map legend, if necessary. Also, please depict the blue dashed line with the two dots separating the dash in the legend and the narrow blue line depicted in the SE¼ of Section 33, T147N, R82W. (JAR)

Section 4.2.4 – Reclamation Costs

2. Page 16 within the SPGM Respread Hours Summary identifies Section 29 – T145 R83W as having a haul distance of 4100 feet and includes hours for both scrapers and the truck-FEL fleet. The haul distance of 4100 feet matches the “breakeven haul distance” depicted on page 2 within general assumption No. 2. The inclusion of hours for both scrapers and the truck-FEL fleet appears to be an excel formula or rounding issue. Please revise page 16, SPGM Respread Hours Summary for Section 29 – T145 R83W utilizing only one material haul option based on your general assumption No. 2 on page 2. (BSM)

Sincerely,

Zanna Brinkman
Director
Reclamation Division

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