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Mr. Jason Frye
Environmental Specialist
Falkirk Mining Company
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Underwood, ND 58576-1087
Jason.frye@nacoal.com

Dear Mr. Frye:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for final Bond Release Application No. 4 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-8405 at the Falkirk Mine. The surface owners, Advisory Committee members, and County Commissioners have been invited to participate in the inspection. We will meet at the mine office at **10:00 a.m. CDT on October 26, 2022.**

We will contact you in case of cancellation or weather delay. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Zanna Brinkman
Director
Reclamation Division

cc via email only: Steve Burke (steve.burke@nacoal.com)
Karen A. Mosbrucker (karen.mosbrucker@nacoal.com)

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Chad and Jennifer Berg
276 25th Ave NW
Underwood, ND 58576

Dear Chad and Jennifer Berg:

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Michael Berg
282 25th Ave NW
Underwood, ND 58576

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McLean County Commissioners
McLean County Courthouse
PO Box 1108
Washburn, ND 58577
mclean.county.district1@gmail.com

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Sandra Schwede, Extension Program Coordinator
NDSU Extension Service
ND State Soil Conservation Committee
2718 Gateway Avenue, Suite 304
Bismarck, ND 58503
sandra.schwede@ndsu.edu

Dear Ms. Schwede:

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Drew Becker
US Fish & Wildlife Service
3425 Miriam Ave
Bismarck, ND 58501
drew_becker@fws.gov

Dear Mr. Becker:

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cc via email only: Jerry Reinisch (jerry_reinisch@fws.gov)

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Curtis Bradbury
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220 East Rosser Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58502-1458
curtis.bradbury@usda.gov

Dear Mr. Bradbury:

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Mr. Dave Glatt
Director
North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality
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Bismarck, ND 58503-1324
dglatt@nd.gov

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Mr. Jeb Williams
Director
North Dakota Game and Fish Department
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Bismarck, ND 58501-5095
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