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October 18, 2022

Drew Becker  
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Dear Mr. Becker:

The Reclamation Division has received a Final Bond Release Application No. 4 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-8405 at the Falkirk Mine. Falkirk is requesting final bond release for 286.9 acres of land located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 22 and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, T146N, R82W in McLean County. The approved post-mining land use is cropland, two reclaimed seasonal wetlands, two-row conservation shelterbelt planting, portion of a county road and an industrial/commercial Basin Electric Cooperative tower. This tract was disturbed by mining activities. As a member of the Wetland Advisory Committee, you are provided a copy of the bond release application. Please review with regard to your agency's areas of responsibility and technical expertise, and more specifically the Wetland Section X.

Enclosed is a thumb drive of the bond release application for your agency's review. Please provide any written comments to us by **December 2, 2022**.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Zanna Brinkman  
Director  
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cc via email only w/ out enclosure: Jerry Reinisch ([jerry\\_reinisch@fws.gov](mailto:jerry_reinisch@fws.gov))

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Dear Mr. Bradbury:

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Mr. Dave Glatt  
Director  
North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality  
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Dear Mr. Glatt:

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Dear Mr. Williams:

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