

FALKIRK MINE

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Ms. Zanna Brinkman
Reclamation Director
ND State Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505

RE: Affidavit of Publication for Final Bond Release 4, NAFK-8405

Dear Ms. Brinkman:

Please find enclosed copies of the Affidavit of Publication for the Final Bond Release 4, to Falkirk's Mining Permit NAFK-8405. The publication was published for four (4) consecutive weeks in the McLean County Independent and the Bismarck Tribune on October 13th, 20th, 27th, and November 3rd, 2022.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 250-2420.

Sincerely,

THE FALKIRK MINING COMPANY



Tara Voigt
Executive Assistant II

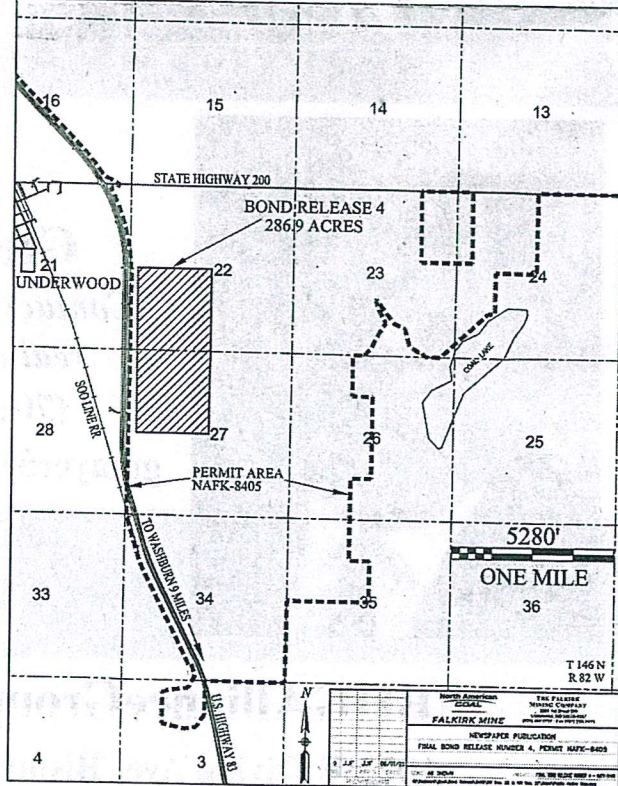
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Letter enclosing Affidavit of Publication
Falkirk Mining Company
Tara Voigt

NOTICE OF FILING FOR FINAL RELEASE OF RECLAMATION BOND

The Falkirk Mining Company, 2801 1st Street S.W., P.O. Box 1087, Underwood, North Dakota, 58576, as applicant, has this 8th day of June, 2022 filed for final bond release for completion of reclamation work on the following tract of land. Bond Release Number 4 to Permit NAFK-8405 consists of 286.9 acres of land in Sections 22 and 27, T146N, R82W, of McLean County (see attached map). Bond Release Number 4 is located in Falkirk's approved state mining Permit NAFK-8405. The North Dakota Public Service Commission approved Permit NAFK-8405 on April 15, 1986. Permit NAFK-8405 is currently part of a consolidated bond (including permits NAFK-8705 and NAFK-9503) in the amount of \$103,350,000. Falkirk is not requesting a bond reduction with Bond Release Number 4. Falkirk is requesting bond release stages I-IV for the completion of all surface coal mining and reclamation operations on 286.9 acres. Mining and/or mining disturbance was initiated in 1988 and completed in 2014. Coal was removed from this tract from 1989 to 1994. The entire bond release tract was disturbed by mining, besides 0.10 acres of associated disturbances. Final grading to post-mining contour was completed in 1990-1993, 1995, 2008 and 2011. SPMG respread and initial seeding was completed in 1990-1995, 2008 and 2011. The approved variance area final grading and seeding was completed in 2014. 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 Electrical Cooperative tower. Reclamation was completed according to the requirements in the approved reclamation plan. Written comments, objections, or requests for a public hearing or informal conference regarding this final bond release request may be submitted by any person with an interest which is or may be affected by release of the bond to the North Dakota Public Service Commission, Capitol Building, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota, 58505, within 30 days after the last publication of this notice. Any request for an informal conference or hearing should be made in writing to the Commission and the request should include the issues or objections that an affected party has regarding this bond release.

THE FALKIRK MINING COMPANY
 2801 1st Street S.W.
 P.O. Box 1087
 Underwood, North Dakota 58576-1087



10/13, 20, 27 & 11/3 - 52671

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA,
COUNTY OF McLean, ss.

I, Rhonda Iglehart, employee of the McLean County Independent of said County and State, being first duly sworn, on oath says, that the McLean County Independent is a weekly newspaper published in Garrison ND County of McLean, and has full and personal knowledge of all the facts herein stated; that said newspaper is a legal newspaper and has a bona fide circulation of at least two hundred copies weekly, and has been published within said county for fifty-two successive weeks next prior to the publication of the notice herein mentioned; that the

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a printed copy of which, taken from the paper in which same was published, is attached to this sheet, and is made a part of this Affidavit, was published in said newspaper at least once each week for 4 successive week, on the day of each week on which said newspaper was regularly published to-wit:

4- McLean County Independant: 10/13/2022,
10/20/2022, 10/27/2022, 11/3/2022

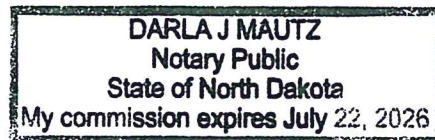
That the full amount of the fees for
the publication of the annexed notice is: \$ 544.44

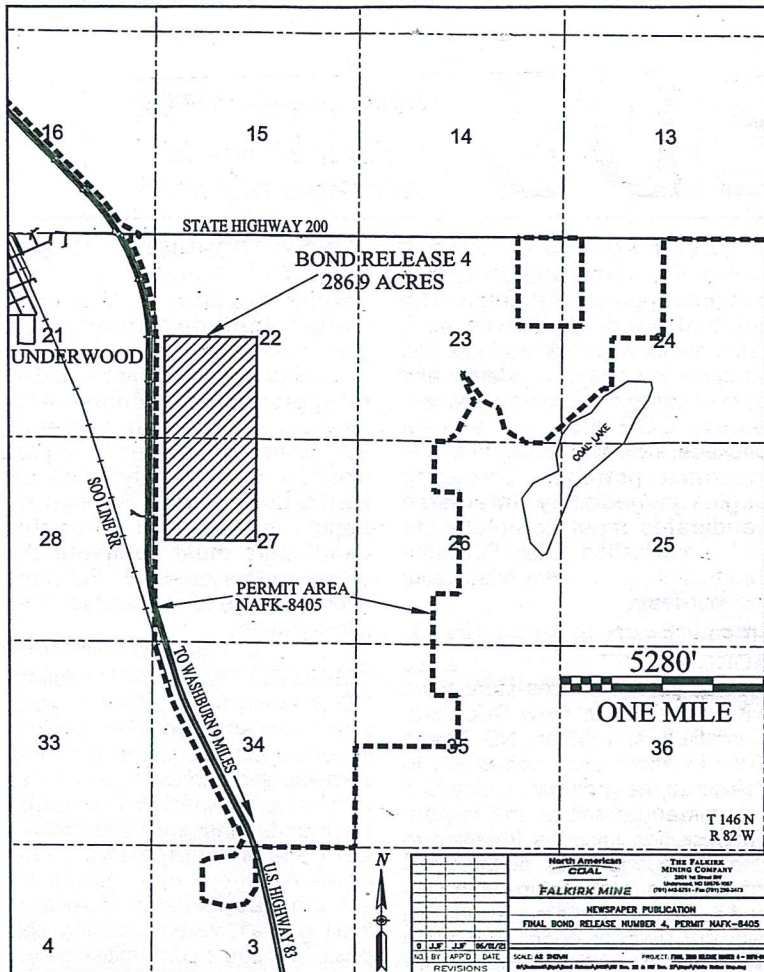


Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11/30/2022



Darla J. Mautz, Notary Public
State of North Dakota





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(Oct. 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 2022)