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Dear Mr. Frye:

The Reclamation Division has reviewed the worst-case consolidated bond calculations Falkirk submitted on January 6, 2023 in response to our December 20, 2022 technical deficiency letter for Revision No. 42 to Permit NAFK-8405. Falkirk's proposed minimum bond amount of \$114,736,325 is adequate for the consolidated bond area that includes Permits NAFK-8405, NAFK-8705, and NAFK-9503.

The necessary bonding instruments to increase the current bond to no less than \$114,736,325 will need to be submitted prior to the approval of Revision 42.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

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Director  
Reclamation Division

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