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August 7, 2023

Mr. Steve Burke
Environmental Manager
Falkirk Mining Company
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Dear Mr. Burke:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection of final Bond Release Application No. 6 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-8705 at the Falkirk Mine. We will meet at the Falkirk Mine at **10:00 a.m. CDT, Tuesday, August 22, 2023**. The ND Department of Trust Lands representatives, McLean County Commissioners, and wetland advisory committee members have been invited to participate in the inspection.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

for

Zanna A. Brinkman
Director
Reclamation Division

cc via email only: Jason Frye (jason.frye@nacoal.com)
Tanner Jochim (TannerT.Jochim@nacoal.com)

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

Dear Commissioners:

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You and/or your representative(s) are invited to participate in the final bond release inspection of this property. The inspection is scheduled to begin at the Falkirk Mine Office at **10:00 a.m. CDT, Tuesday, August 22, 2023**. Please contact Guy Welch (gwelch@nd.gov) if you or a representative are planning to attend so we can contact you in case of cancellation or weather delay.

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Mr. Jeb Williams
Director
North Dakota Game and Fish Department
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Dear Mr. Williams:

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Enclosed is a flash drive of the bond release application for your agency's review. Reclaimed wetland data can be found in Attachment X of the bond release application. Please review the wetland information in the bond release application and provide us with any comments you may have by September 11, 2023.

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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

Dear Mr. Glatt:

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Curtis Bradbury
NRCS State Office
State Biologist
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Bismarck, ND 58502-1458
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Dear Mr. Bradbury:

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Luke Toso
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US Fish & Wildlife Service
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Bismarck, ND 58501
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Dear Mr. Toso:

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cc via email only w/o enclosure: Jerry Reinisch (jerry_reinisch@fws.gov)

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Mr. Jeffrey Fleischman, Chief
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Dear Mr. Fleischman:

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cc via email only w/o enclosure: John Sieving (jsieving@osmre.gov)

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Mr. David D. Hendrickson
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Mr. Joseph Stegmiller
Director, Surface Management
North Dakota Department of Trust Lands
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Bismarck, ND 58501
jstegmiller@nd.gov

Dear Mr. Stegmiller:

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