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Mr. Jason Frye
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Dear Mr. Frye:

The Reclamation Division has reviewed the updated worst-case consolidated bond calculations Falkirk submitted on October 17, 2024 in response to our September 23, 2024, technical deficiency letter for Revision No. 44 to Permit NAFK-8405. Falkirk's proposed minimum bond amount of \$113,587,962 for Revision No. 44 is adequate for the consolidated bond area, which includes Permits NAFK-8405, NAFK-8705, and NAFK-9503. Falkirk Mining Company's current bonding instruments for this consolidated bond area total \$114,823,633. Therefore, no increase to the current bonding instruments is necessary prior to the approval of Revision 44.

Please note the Reclamation Division will soon approve the July 2024 variable costs used for calculating worst-case bond amounts for mining permits. As a precaution, the Reclamation Division reviewed the worst-case consolidated bond calculations in Revision No. 44 using the proposed July 2024 variable costs and determined the minimum bond amount remains adequate.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Emmer".

Jonathan Emmer
Director
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