



# Public Service Commission

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Dear Mr. Frye:

The Reclamation Division has completed its technical review of the application for Final Bond Release No. 6 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-9601 and has no further deficiencies. As a reminder, a decision from the Reclamation Division recommending approval of Final Bond Release No. 6 will need OSMRE concurrence since this application contains federal coal. An approval date will be set once concurrence is obtained from OSMRE. Please address the item below and provide us with a clean copy uploaded through Permit Services.

### **Attachment IX – Cropland Data**

1. As stated in prior correspondence with Tanner Jochim, please update the 2019 adjusted standard for the Section 31 – Final Bond Release 6 Cropland Data table on page 103 in Attachment IX (Cropland Data) to reflect the total listed on the 2019 Weighted Production table on page 102. It appears the current value of 216.66 in the Section 31 – Final Bond Release 6 Cropland Data table on page 103 should be changed to 261.66. (GAW)

### **General**

During the Bond Release No. 6 field inspection conducted on November 26, 2024, Reclamation Division staff observed a rockpile on the northern boundary of Tract 6B. The Reclamation Division believes the rockpile should be removed and the low areas near the rockpile should either be reshaped or filled with topsoil since they are not designed temporary wetlands.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Emmer  
Director  
Reclamation Division

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