

FALKIRK MINE

December 11, 2025

Mr. Jonathan Emmer
Reclamation Director
ND State Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505

RE: Affidavit of Publication for Final Bond Release 7, NAFK-9601

Dear Mr. Emmer:

Please find enclosed copies of the Affidavit of Publication for the Final Bond Release 7, to Falkirk's Mining Permit NAFK-9601. The publication was published for four consecutive weeks in the McLean County Independent on October 23rd, 30th, November 6th, and 13th, 2025.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 701-250-2420 or by email at tara.voigt@nacoal.com.

Sincerely,

THE FALKIRK MINING COMPANY



Tara Voigt
Technical Group Specialist

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Attachments

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA,
COUNTY OF McLean, ss.

I, Eden Brunsell, 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 Independent: 10/23/2025,
10/30/2025, 11/6/2025, 11/13/2025**

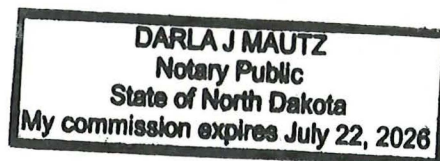
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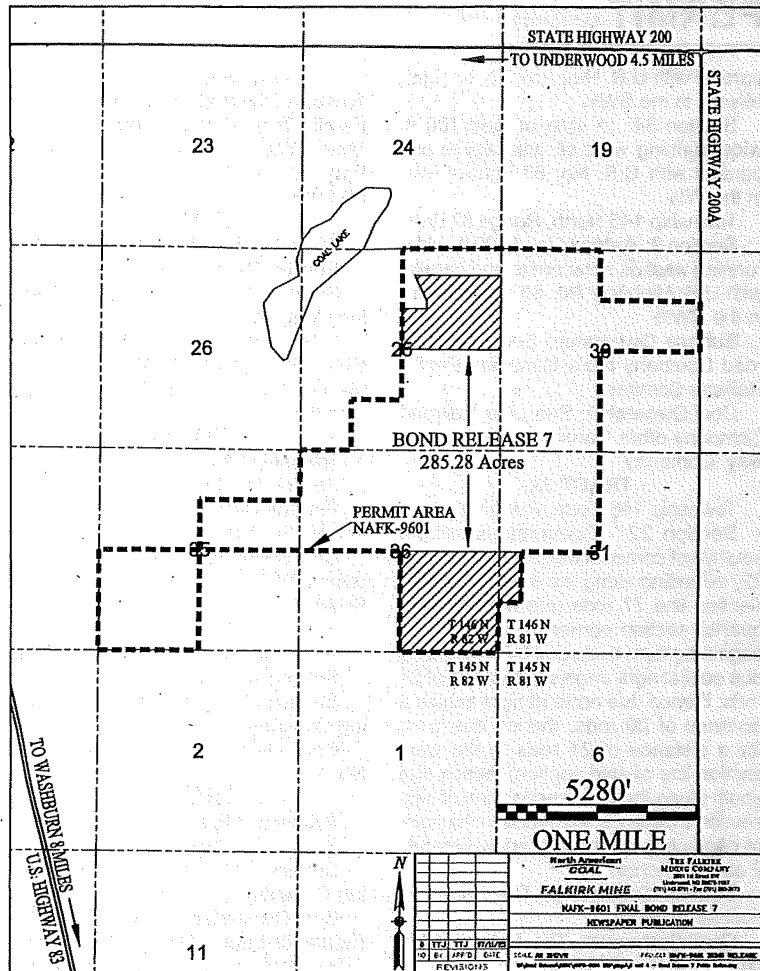
Eden Brunsell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
11/25/2025

Darla J Mautz

Darla J. Mautz, Notary Public
State of North Dakota





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 4th day of September, 2025 filed for final bond release for completion of reclamation work on the following tract of land. Bond Release Number 7 consists of 285.28 acres of land in Sections 25 and 36, T146N, R82W, and Section 31, T146N, R81W of McLean County (see attached map).

Bond Release Number 7 is located in Falkirk's approved state mining Permit NAFK-9601. The North Dakota Public Service Commission approved Permit NAFK-9601 on August 28, 1996. The worst case bond determination for Permit NAFK-9601 is not incremental and is covered by a collateral bond. The current bond coverage for Permit NAFK-9601 is \$2,831,808.00. As part of this final bond release application, Falkirk is requesting a bond reduction of \$421,656.47. Falkirk is requesting bond release stages I-IV for the completion of all surface coal mining and reclamation operations on 78.07 acres, and stages III-IV for vegetation establishment and demonstration of revegetation success on 151.52 acres, the remaining 55.69 acres are undisturbed. Mining and/or mining disturbance was initiated in 1995 and completed in 2013. Coal was removed in 1996 to 1997 and 2001 to 2002. Approximately 80% of

the area was disturbed by mining or associated disturbances (haul roads, stockpiles and ponds). Final grading to post-mining contour was completed in 2013. SPGM respread and initial seeding was completed in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2012 and 2013. The approved post-mining land use is cropland, native grassland, two seasonal wetlands, four temporary wetlands, grassed waterways, and a portion of a section line. 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

(Oct. 23, 30, Nov 6 & 13, 2025)