

November 26, 2025

Mr. Jonathan Emmer
Director
Reclamation Division
Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue
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RE: Revision 39 to Permit NAFK-9503

Dear Mr. Emmer:

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Quality reviewed Falkirk Mining Company's application for revision number 39 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-9503. We have no objection to the revision which identifies the coal removal subareas that will be mined during the next five-year permit term, and updates the introductory, legal and compliance information, surface and coal interest and ownership, ground water hydrology, fish and wildlife resources, surface water information and monitoring plan, operation plans, blasting plans, extended mining plans, transportation facilities, surface water management information.

At this time, the Division of Water Quality has no further comments regarding this revision.

Sincerely,



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DEQ Water Quality

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