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October 9, 2026

Mr. Tanner Jochim
Environmental Specialist
Falkirk Mining Company
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Dear Mr. Jochim:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for final Bond Release Application No. 5 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-8405 at the Falkirk Mine. We will meet at your office at **9:30 a.m. CST, Wednesday, November 4th, 2026**. The landowners, McLean County Commissioners, Wetland Advisory Committee, and the McLean County NRCS District Conservationist have been invited to participate.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jonathan Emmer", is positioned above the printed name.

Jonathan Emmer
Director
Reclamation Division

cc via email only: Steve Burke (steve.burke@nacoal.com)
Jason Frye (jason.frye@nacoal.com)
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Mr. Jeffrey Fleischman, Chief
Denver Field Division
Office of Surface Mining
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Dear Mr. Fleischman:

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cc via email only:

John Sieving (jsieving@osmre.gov)

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McLean County Commissioners
McLean County Courthouse
PO Box 1108
Washburn, ND 58577-1108

Dear Commissioners:

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Mr. David D. Hendrickson
Turtle Lake Service Center
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Dear Mr. Hendrickson:

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Mr. Luke Toso
Ecological Services Supervisor
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Dear Mr. Toso:

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cc via email only: Jerry Reinisch (jerry_reinisch@fws.org)

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Mr. Curtis Bradbury
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NRCS State Office
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Dear Mr. Bradbury:

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Ms. Jennifer Turnbow
Director
North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality
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Dear Ms. Turnbow:

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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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Heath and Jamie Pochant
203 2nd Ave NW
Coleharbor, ND 58531

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Waste Management of North Dakota
750 Yegan Road
Bismarck, ND 58503

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Chad and Jennifer Berg
276 25th Ave NW
Underwood, ND 58576

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