



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, OMAHA DISTRICT  
106 SOUTH 15<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
OMAHA NE 68102-1618

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

August 5, 2005



Planning, Programs, and Project Management Division

Public Utilities District  
North Dakota Public Service Commission, Department 408  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480

Dear Madam/Sir:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District (Corps) has reviewed your letter dated July 14, 2004 regarding the Notice of Filing and Notice of Hearing for the proposed pipeline construction along the Trenton Pipeline System and necessary appurtenances by Plain Pipeline, L.P. near Trenton Station, North Dakota. The Corps offers the following comments.

If the proposed pipeline construction crosses the flood plains of small drainage ways and streams, flood-related problems should not occur if the lines are buried far enough below the beds of drainage ways and streams to prevent exposure due to streambed erosion during periods of high flood flows. Any above ground construction subject to flood damage, such as pump houses, should either be placed, or flood proofed, to a level above the 100-year flood elevation.

Your plans should be coordinated with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which is currently involved in a program to protect groundwater resources. If you have not already done so, it is recommended you consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the North Dakota Game and Fish Department regarding fish and wildlife resources. In addition, the North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office should be contacted for information and recommendations on potential cultural resources in the project area.

If construction activities involve any work in waters of the United States, a Section 404 permit may be required. For a detailed review of permit requirements, preliminary and final project plans should be sent to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Bismarck Regulatory Office  
Attention: CENWO-OD-R-ND/ Cimarosti  
1513 South 12th Street  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58504

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Erin Wilson at (402) 221-4882.

Sincerely,

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Cultural Resources Section  
Planning Branch