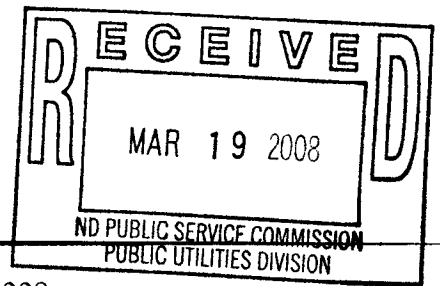




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TransCanada Keystone Pipeline: 2007 National Register Evaluations Report
for Sites 32RM260, 32WA250, and 32WA251**

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Dear Mr. Stine and Ms. Munson:

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We have received and reviewed **06-0088s TransCanada Keystone Pipeline: "TransCanada Keystone Pipeline: Evaluative Testing at 32RM260, 32WA250, and 32WA251, Ransom and Walsh Counties, North Dakota,"** by Ed Stine and Andrea Kulevsky (Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, March 2008) and find it acceptable. We concur with the level and scope of evaluation efforts undertaken at the three sites in the TransCanada Keystone project APE, as reported. Also, we offer no substantive comments on the report at this time. If consulted either by a federal agency or a state agency, we would concur with (a) recommended **"No Historic Properties Affected"** and **"No Significant Sites Affected"** determinations for sites 32RM260 and 32WA250, and provided the avoidance or mitigation is followed for significant site 32WA251, as outlined in Chapter 4 (pp. 51-52) of the report; and, (b) sites 32RM260 and 32WA250 are not significant and not National Register eligible and that **site 32WA251 is significant and is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.**

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Thank you and we look forward to further consultation and to further review of outstanding documents regarding the project. If you have questions please contact either Paul Picha at (701) 328-3574 or Susan Quinnell at (701) 328-3576.

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