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**NDSHPO REF. : 06-0088ii PSC/ Department of State/ENSR  
TransCanada Keystone Pipeline: 2008 National Register Evaluation S-O-W  
for Site MAC-RA-19 [32RM166]**

Dear Mr. Stine and Ms. Munson:

We have received and reviewed **06-0088ii TransCanada Keystone Pipeline:** "Proposed Scope of Work for the Testing and Evaluation of Site MAC-RA-19 [32RM166] in Ransom County, North Dakota," by Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, (May 2008) and find it acceptable.

If consulted by a federal/state agency we would concur with the level and scope of evaluation efforts proposed at site 32RM166 in the TransCanada Keystone project APE, as reported. Given the site's geomorphic setting on a terrace/alluvial fan landform, buried cultural deposits may be anticipated, as indicated in the proposal.

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.

Sincerely,

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and  
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