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RE: A Class I and Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the Whiting Belfield Oil Pipeline, Stark and Billings Counties, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Picha:

Enclosed is a copy of a report entitled *A Class I and Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the Whiting Belfield Oil Pipeline, Stark and Billings Counties, North Dakota*. This report documents the cultural resource inventory of the Whiting Petroleum Corporation (Whiting) Belfield Oil Pipeline project, performed by SWCA Environmental Consultants (SWCA) on behalf of Merjent, Inc. (Merjent). Merjent is assisting Whiting with their application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (NDPSC) for a certificate of corridor compatibility and route permit for the project. The cultural resource inventory is required as part of Whiting's permit application to the NDPSC.

One historic cultural resource (32SK1025) was newly recorded during the inventory. 32SK1025 consists of an historic car dump, located within the proposed pipeline corridor centerline. SWCA recommends the site not eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places; no further work is recommended. With these findings, it is recommended that determinations of *No Historic Properties Affected* and *No Significant Sites Affected* be granted for the project to proceed as planned.

Please notify SWCA of the results of your review at the address listed below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Judith R. Cooper".

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