

December 14, 2011

Paul R. Picha, Chief Archeologist
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**RE: A Class I and Class III Cultural Resources Inventory of the ONEOK Rockies
Midstream Stateline NGL Pipeline, Williams County, North Dakota**

Dear Mr. Picha:

Enclosed is a copy of a report entitled *A Class I and Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the ONEOK Rockies Midstream Stateline NGL Pipeline, Williams County, North Dakota*. This report documents the cultural resource inventory of the ONEOK Rockies Midstream (ONEOK) Stateline Pipeline project, performed by SWCA Environmental Consultants (SWCA) on behalf of E3 Environmental, Inc. (E3). E3 is assisting ONEOK 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 ONEOK's permit application to the NDPSC.

Three previously recorded sites were revisited for the project. The sites are described below:

- 32WI1175: Prehistoric stone circles, stone cairns; Unevaluated
- 32WI1177: Prehistoric stone circle; Unevaluated
- 32WI1179: Prehistoric stone circles, cultural material scatter; Unevaluated

Seventeen cultural resources were newly recorded. The sites are described below:

- 32WI1216: Prehistoric stone circles; Unevaluated
- 32WI1217: Prehistoric stone circles; Unevaluated
- 32WI1218: Prehistoric stone circles; Unevaluated
- 32WI1219: Prehistoric stone circle; Unevaluated
- 32WI1220: Prehistoric stone circles; Unevaluated
- 32WI1221: Prehistoric stone circles; Unevaluated
- 32WI1222: Prehistoric stone circle; Unevaluated
- 32WI1223: Prehistoric stone circles, stone cairns; Unevaluated
- 32WI1224: Prehistoric stone circle; Unevaluated
- 32WI1225: Prehistoric stone circles; Unevaluated
- 32WI1226: Prehistoric stone circles, stone cairns; Unevaluated
- 32WI1227: Historic cultural material scatter; Not Eligible
- 32WI1228: Prehistoric stone circles, stone cairns; Unevaluated
- 32WI1229: Stone cairns of unknown age; Unevaluated

- 32WI1231: Prehistoric stone circles; Unevaluated
- 32WI1232: Historic cemetery, marker; Unevaluated
- 32WIX575: Historic metal canister; Not Eligible

For those sites left unevaluated for the National Register of Historic Places, project avoidance has been established. 32WI1216, 32WI1217, 32WI1218, 32WI1219, 32WI1220, 32WI1221, 32WI1222, 32WI1223, 32WI1224, 32WI1226, and 32WI1232 are located along abandoned alignments and will not be affected by the project; therefore, no further work is required. Although located near the final centerline alignment, 32WI1175, 32WI1177, 32WI1179, 32WI1225, 32WI1228, 32WI1229, and 32WI1231 are all more than 50 feet from the proposed 100-foot-wide temporary construction ROW and will be adequately avoided; therefore, no further work is recommended. It is recommended that a determination of *No Historic Properties Affected* and *No Significant Sites Affected* be granted for the project to proceed as planned.

I have also attached the site form update for 32WI1177. All other site forms for newly recorded and previously recorded sites, as well as for the isolated find, are already on file at SHPO. Please notify SWCA of the results of your review at the address listed below.

Sincerely,



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Principal Investigator

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