

**A Class I and Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the
Cenex Pipeline Prosper Oil Terminal, Cass County, North Dakota**

Submitted to:

State Historical Society of North Dakota
612 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505

Prepared for:

Cenex Pipeline, LLC.
803 U.S. Highway 212 South
Laurel, Montana 59044

Prepared by:

Cole Wandler

Principal Investigator:

William Harding

SWCA Environmental Consultants
116 North 4th Street, Suite 200
Bismarck, North Dakota 58501

SWCA Cultural Resource Report Number 15-624

November 16, 2015

ABSTRACT

SWCA Environmental Consultants (SWCA) conducted a Class I and Class III cultural resource inventory on behalf of Cenex Pipeline, LLC (Cenex) in support of the Prosper Oil Terminal project. Cenex proposes to construct a refined petroleum products storage and distribution facility on private lands southeast of the town of Prosper in Cass County, North Dakota. The only regulatory agencies to be involved are the North Dakota Public Service Commission under the North Dakota Energy Conversion and Transmission Facility Siting Act (excluding any applicable county or local requirements); and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers through Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, which regulates discharge into waters of the U.S.. Therefore, the Class I and Class III inventory of the project area assists Cenex in meeting the cultural resource requirements within the North Dakota Public Service Commission's Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit application. Additionally, the inventory assisted Cenex in achieving compliance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, including the Nationwide Permit General Conditions pertaining to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Endangered Species Act.

The Class I inventory was conducted on October 19, 2015, and the Class III inventory was conducted on October 21, 2015. The Class III inventory consisted of a 59.34-acre block survey surrounding the proposed project area. A small portion of southeast corner of the project area falls within a previously inventoried area (Schleicher 2015). As proposed, the project will be contained entirely within both current and previous inventory areas. The project area is located in Section 9, Township 140 North, Range 50 West.

During the Class I and Class III inventory, no cultural resources were identified within the project area. Therefore, it is recommended that the project be granted a determination of *No Historic Properties Affected* and clearance to proceed as planned.