

ADDENDUM NO. 1 TO

A Phase I Cultural Resources Investigation of the Nebraska Segment of the Rockies Express Pipeline Project Corridor, Perkins, Lincoln, Dawson, Gosper, Phelps, Kearney, Franklin, Webster, Nuckolls, Thayer, Jefferson, and Gage Counties, Nebraska.

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## ABSTRACT

Between June 28 and 30, 2006, 18.94 acres of additional area was subjected to Phase I cultural resources survey for the REX West Project in Phelps and Jefferson counties, Nebraska. This 18.94 acres (7.66 ha) consisted of a planned compressor station location (CS No. 3) and meter station location (NGPL), with access road, along the proposed REX West pipeline. No cultural resources were located within the area surveyed.

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## INTRODUCTION

This addendum describes the results of a recent cultural resource survey at two locations along the proposed REX West pipeline (Figures 1 and 2). The objectives of the Phase I investigations were to conduct an intensive pedestrian survey of the areas to determine the presence of sites and prepare a report of the findings. All of the background material for this addendum can be found in *Phase I Cultural Resources Investigation of the Nebraska Segment of the Rockies Express Pipeline Project Corridor, Perkins, Lincoln, Dawson, Gosper, Phelps, Kearney, Franklin, Webster, Nuckolls, Thayer, Jefferson, and Gage Counties, Nebraska* (Schwegman et. al. 2006). Personnel consisting of John Schwegman and Todd Ogier, from American Resources Group, Ltd., conducted the fieldwork from June 28–30, 2006. The investigations are discussed below.

## PHASE I SURVEY

Between June 28 and 30, 2006, 18.94 acres of additional area was subjected to Phase I cultural resources survey for the REX West Project in Phelps and Jefferson counties, Nebraska. This 18.94 acres (7.66 ha) consisted of a planned compressor station location (CS No. 3) and meter station location (NGPL), with access road, along the proposed REX West pipeline. No cultural resources were located within the area surveyed. These two survey locations, along with the surveys conducted at each, are discussed in detail below.

### *Compressor Station No. 3*

The proposed location of Compressor Station No. 3 consists of a 17.7 acre (7.16 ha) rectangular tract (1,100 ft. by 700 ft.) of land situated at REX Mile Post 286.86 (Figure 1). This area is southeast of the formerly proposed compressor station location (at Mile Post 286.52) which was surveyed by American Resource Group personnel in the spring of 2006 (Schwegman et. al. 2006). At the time of survey, the newly proposed project area was in standing corn which exhibited 20 percent ground surface visibility. Based upon the surface conditions, this field was subjected to surface survey with transects spaced 30 m apart. No cultural material was observed and no further work is recommended for this area.

### *Meter Station NGPL and Connecting Pipeline Corridor*

The adjusted location of Meter Station NGPL consists of a 1.24 acre (0.5 ha) section of land positioned 317 ft. (96.6 m) north of the proposed REX pipeline at Milepost 423.22 (Figure 2). Extending to the southwest of this tract is a proposed 388-ft.-long (118.2 m) by 200-ft.-wide (60.9 m) pipeline corridor to be used to connect the station with the main REX West pipeline. During the Phase I survey, the eastern half of the meter station plot was a low grassy draw with 0–10 percent visibility, while the western station area and the additional pipeline corridor was in

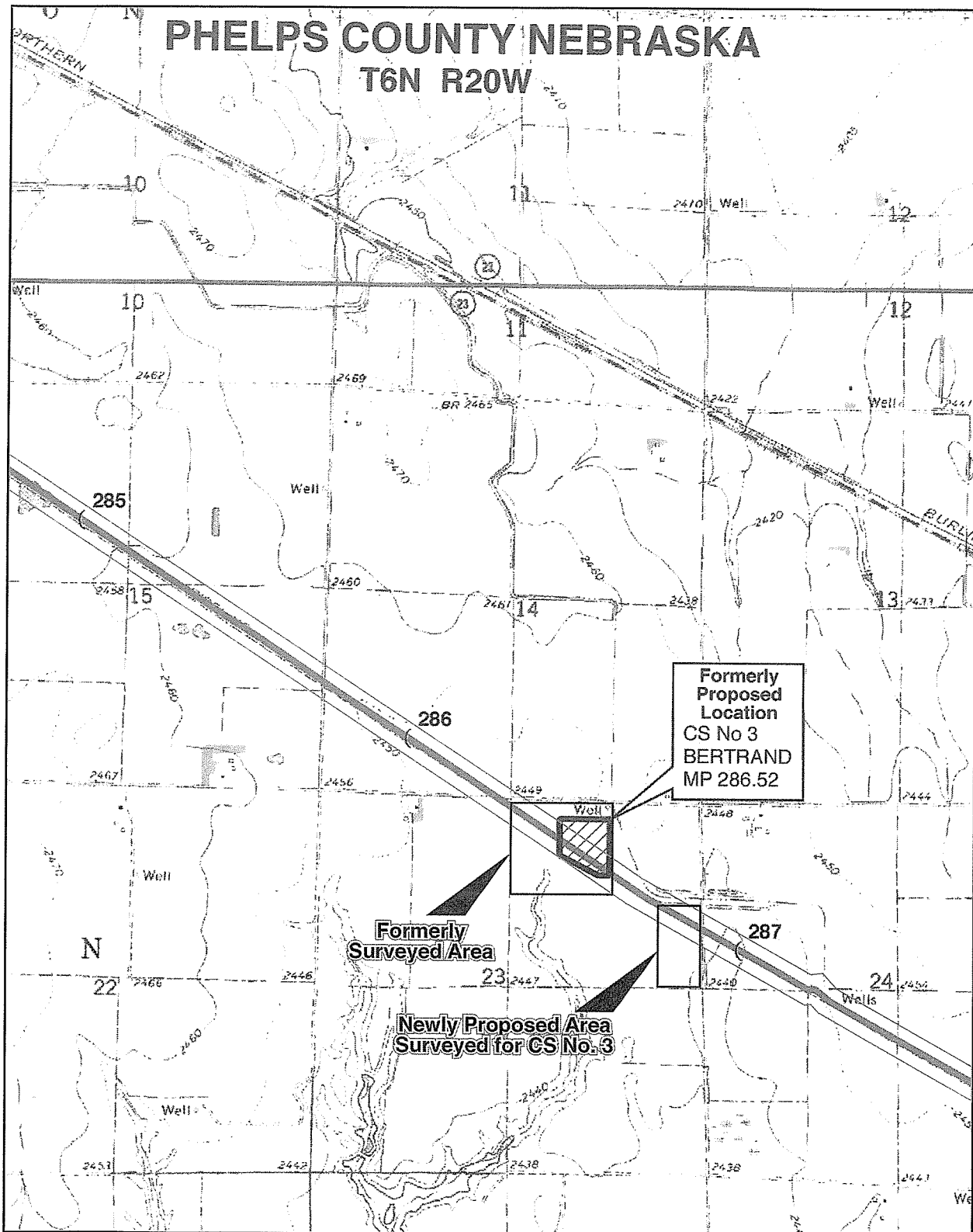


Figure 1. Location of the formerly proposed tract for Compressor Station No. 3, with total area surveyed (Schwegman et. al. 2006), and the newly proposed area in relation to the REX corridor.

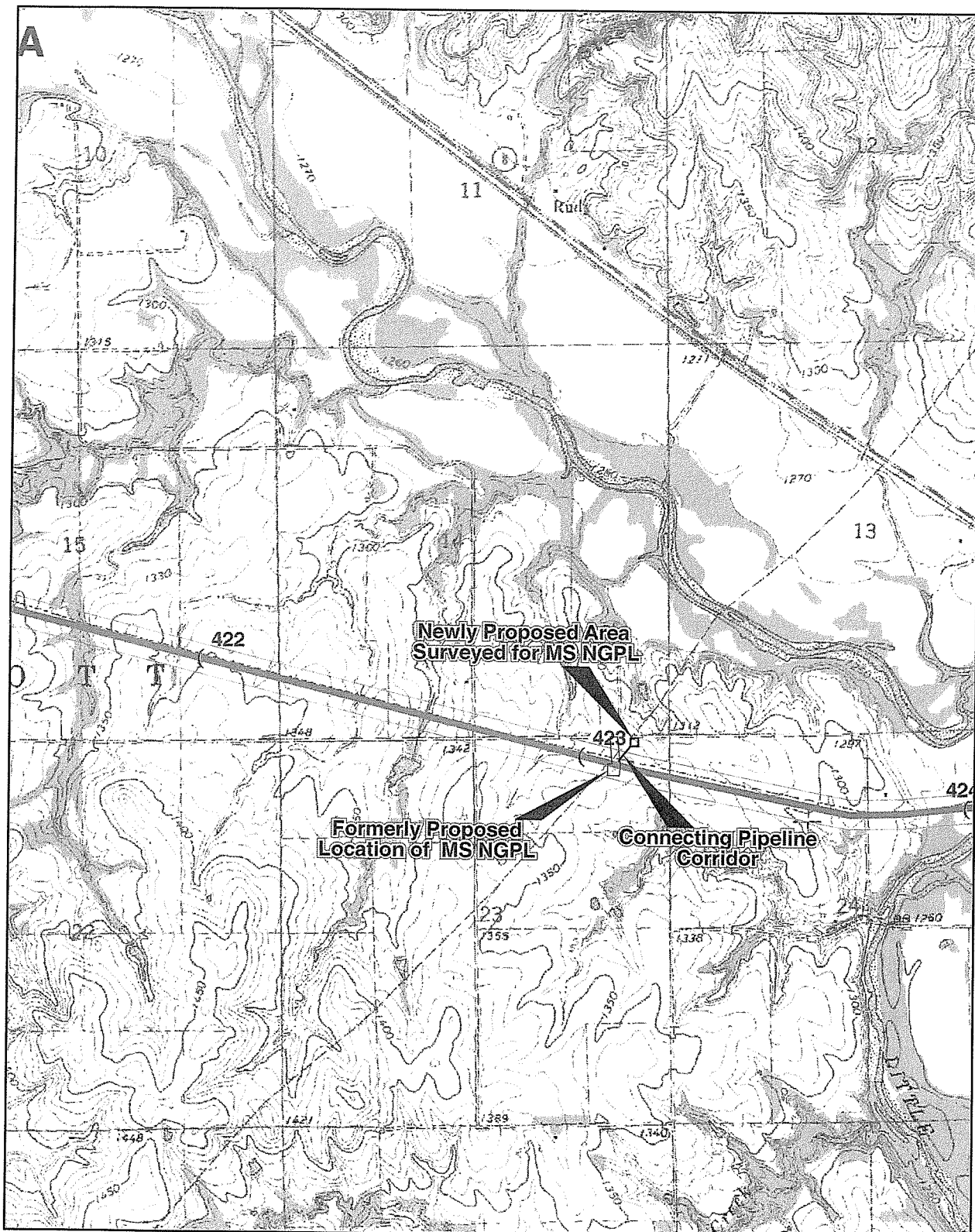


Figure 2. Location of the formerly proposed position of Meter Station NGPL, with access road (Schwegman et. al. 2006), and the newly proposed station area, with connecting pipeline corridor, in relation to the REX corridor.

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standing soybeans exhibiting 30 percent ground surface visibility. In accordance with the amount of surface visibility, both pedestrian survey and shovel testing was used in the grassy portion of the meter station tract, while only pedestrian survey was used in the western portion of the tract along with the additional pipeline corridor. No cultural material was observed and no further work is recommended for this area.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the recent archaeological investigations at these two additional tracts, no further work is needed. Project clearance is recommended for all areas.

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## REFERENCES CITED

Schwegman, J. A., C. Lence, and J. Anderson

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