



**STATE
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY
OF NORTH DAKOTA**

John Hoeven
Governor of North Dakota

North Dakota
State Historical Board

Marvin L. Kaiser
Williston - President

Albert I. Berger
Grand Forks - Vice President

Chester E. Nelson, Jr.
Bismarck - Secretary

Gereld Gerntholz
Valley City

A. Ruric Todd III
Jamestown

Diane K. Larson
Bismarck

John E. Von Rueden
Bismarck

Sara Otte Coleman
*Director
Tourism Division*

Kelly Schmidt
State Treasurer

Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State

Douglass Prchal
*Director
Parks and Recreation
Department*

Francis Ziegler
*Director
Department of
Transportation*

Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr.
Director

*Accredited by the
American Association
of Museums*

February 14, 2007

Ed Stine
Staff Archaeologist
Metcalf Archaeological Consultants
PO Box 2154
Bismarck, ND 58502-2154

Kim Munson, Anthropologist
Project Manager
ENSR International
1601 Prospect Parkway
Fort Collins, CO 80525

**NDSHPO REF. : 06-0088c PSC/ Department of State/ENSR
TransCanada Keystone Pipeline: 2006 Cultural Resource NR Evaluation
Report-32RM160 and 32RMx89**

Dear Mr. Stine and Ms. Munson:

We have reviewed project report: "Keystone Pipeline Project: Testing 32RM160 and 32RMx89 in Ransom County, North Dakota," by Amy Bleier and Ed Stine (Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, February 2007) and find it acceptable. We concur with the level and scope of evaluation efforts undertaken thus far in the TransCanada Keystone project area, as reported.

Also, if you are seeking concurrence on NRHP determinations of eligibility on behalf of the federal lead agency (Department of State), described herein, please provide that request in writing. If consulted by a federal agency, we concur that 32RM160 and 32RMx89 are not significant and are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Finally, we concur, if consulted by a federal agency, with "**No Historic Properties Affected**" determination provided the project aspect is of the nature stated and takes place in the location plotted in the report and other project documentation.

Thank you for the opportunity to review, and to further consultation on, the project. If you have questions please contact either Paul Picha at (701) 328-3574 or Susan Quinnell at (701) 328-3576.

Sincerely,

Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr.
State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)
and
Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota

c: Susan E. Wefald, Commissioner, PSC