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**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,

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and  
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c: Susan E. Wefald, Commissioner, PSC