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Ms. Anne Haaker
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RE: Phase I Cultural Resources Investigation of the Illinois Portion of the Keystone Pipeline Project Corridor, Madison, Bond, Fayette, and Marion Counties, Illinois; IHPA Log No. 002032906; ARG CRM 1494.

Dear Ms. Haaker:

I am writing to update you on the status of the above referenced project. As of mid-July, American Resources Group had completed the archaeological survey of approximately 41 miles (73 percent) of the 56-mile-long pipeline-construction corridor; unfortunately, the geomorphological investigation has not yet been initiated. We are planning to resume survey of the project corridor after the crops have been harvested, and will complete the survey as soon as access to all of the unexamined portions of the corridor has been obtained. In keeping with the stipulation set forth in your letter of May 18, 2006, we will provide you a report of this investigation only after completing survey of the entire project corridor.

To date, we have identified 29 archaeological sites within the 200-foot-wide survey corridor, including 17 prehistoric sites, six historic sites, and six sites containing both prehistoric and historic components (see attached table). A preliminary assessment of site significance suggests that 10 of the 29 investigated sites are potentially eligible for National Register listing. Nine of the 10 potentially eligible sites are prehistoric sites presenting evidence of having been intensively occupied, and the tenth is the remains of an early nineteenth- to early twentieth-century farmstead. We will be recommending that Phase II test excavations be conducted at the 10 potentially eligible sites to formally evaluate their National Register eligibility if site avoidance is not feasible.

Because of the delays resulting from access problems and poor field conditions (crop height), it is possible that maintaining the project schedule will require that the Phase II testing of potentially eligible sites be started prior to the completion of the survey. In the event that an expedited testing program does prove necessary, I will send you a more detailed description of the sites to be tested and a summary of our proposed methods before beginning the investigations.

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If the Phase II investigations *are* begun prior to the preparation of the Phase I technical report, would you allow us to combine the survey and testing results in a single report?

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this project, please do not hesitate to call. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Titus".

Steve Titus
President

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