



North Dakota Geological Survey

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Ms. Diane L. Lehman Turck
United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Reclamation
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Dear Diane:

As a result of Cooperative Agreement No. 03FC601818, I reviewed the North Dakota Geological Survey Fossil Site Database and conducted a field inventory of the Northwest Area Water Supply (A10-0769-0149-000-05-0-0; 25R-6230000), Contract 2-1C Pipeline Alignment to determine if paleontological resources would be impacted by pipeline construction.

No fossil sites have been reported from the proposed pipeline corridor and no fossil sites were discovered during the paleontological field survey of the corridor. The proposed route of this portion of the Northwest Area Water Supply pipeline is through an area of glacial drift. Glacial drift is generally unfossiliferous, and it is unlikely that paleontological resources will be encountered during pipeline construction along this route.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this report.

Sincerely,

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