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Ms. Pam Halverson
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Lower Sioux Indian Community
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Morton, MN 56270

RE: Inspection of Site 21BE0036 for Suspected Human Remains

Dear Ms. Halverson:

We received your letter requesting further inspection of DM&E right-of-way at Site 21BE0036 (also known as the Price Site) in Brown County, Minnesota. I understand from your letter that on April 30, 2008 tribal representatives observed bone fragments on the ground surface within a freshly plowed portion of the DM&E right-of-way and that there is concern that these bones may be human remains. In your letter, you request that STB and DM&E make arrangements to revisit the area so that the bone fragments can be analyzed by a physical anthropologist to determine if they are indeed human.

As you know, we forwarded your letter to DM&E and requested that they secure the services of a qualified physical anthropologist agreeable to you and that DM&E then schedule a site visit. It is my understanding that you have since discussed this matter with DM&E's consultant, Michael Madson (HDR), and that you have agreed to enlist the services of Dr. Susan Myster, Hamline University professor of forensic anthropology, to assist with the on-site analysis.

A representative from our Third-Party Contractor, Dave Bibler, will contact you and Dr. Myster over the next few days to schedule the site inspection. We suggest that the actual inspection be performed by tribal representatives approved by your office with assistance from Dr. Myster. Archaeologists representing both DM&E and STB will be present to assist with property access and for consultation as needed. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me directly at 202-245-0293 or by e-mail (gliddenc@stb.dot.gov) if you have any additional questions as we all work to address this concern.

Sincerely,

Catherine Glidden

Cc: Herb Jones, DM&E
Dave Bibler, LBG
Michael Madson, HDR