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Brent Solinsky
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RE: Nicor Gas Pipeline Installation - NBA 1202769
IDNR Project #1506082
County: LaSalle

Dear Mr. Solinsky:

This letter concerns the consultation for installation of a natural gas pipeline in LaSalle County, Township 34 North, Range 4 East, Sections 9-11 and 14-16. This project was submitted for consultation in accordance with the *Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act* [520 ILCS 10/11], the *Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act* [525 ILCS 30/17], and Title 17 *Illinois Administrative Code Part 1075*.

Horizontal directional drilling will be used to cross the Fox River, which, at this location, is listed on the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory because it provides habitat for the state-threatened River Redhorse (*Moxostoma carinatum*). Because of the sensitivity of the location, the Department recommends that you develop a frac-out plan, and have clean-up equipment and supplies readily available on-site.

Consultation under *17 Ill. Adm. Code Part 1075* is completed. In accordance with *17 Ill. Adm. Code 1075.40(h)*, please notify the Department of your decision regarding these recommendations.

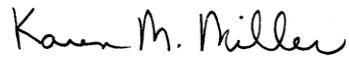
This consultation is valid for two years unless new information becomes available that was not previously considered; the proposed action is modified; or additional species, essential habitat, or Natural Areas are identified in the vicinity. If the project has not been implemented within two years of the date of this letter, or any of the above listed conditions develop, a new consultation is necessary.

The natural resource review reflects the information existing in the Illinois Natural Heritage Database at the time of the project submittal, and should not be regarded as a final statement on the site being considered, nor should it be a substitute for detailed site surveys or field surveys

required for environmental assessments. If additional protected resources are encountered during the project's implementation, you must comply with the applicable statutes and regulations. Also, note that termination does not imply IDNR's authorization or endorsement of the proposed action.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding this review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen M. Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a clear, legible font.

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