

North American Energy Partners Inc.  
Form 6-K  
December 14, 2007

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 6-K**

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**Report of Foreign Private Issuer  
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16  
under  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**For the month of December 2007  
Commission File Number 001-33161**

**NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY PARTNERS INC.**

**Zone 3 Acheson Industrial Area  
2-53016 Highway 60  
Acheson, Alberta  
Canada T7X 5A7**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Yes      o              No      x

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**Documents Included as Part of this Report**

**No. News Release**

1 NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY PARTNERS' CORPORATE CREDIT RATING RAISED BY  
STANDARD & POOR'S

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**Signatures**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY PARTNERS INC.**

Date: December 13, 2007

By: /s/ Vincent J. Gallant

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Name: Vincent J. Gallant

Title: Acting Vice President, Finance and Chief  
Financial Officer