North American Energy Partners Inc.

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Form 6-K March 15, 2017 **UNITED STATES** SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM 6-K Report of Foreign Private Issuer Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 For the month of March 2017 Commission File Number 001-33161 NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY PARTNERS INC. Suite 300 18817 Stony Plain Road Edmonton, Alberta Canada T5S 0C2 (Address of principal executive offices) Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F. Form 20-Fx Form 40-Fo Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(1): ____ Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule

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Documents Included as Part of this Report

No. News Release

 $\underline{99.1}$ NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY PARTNERS ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF \$40 MILLION OFFERING OF 5.50% CONVERTIBLE UNSECURED SUBORDINATED DEBENTURES

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: March 15, 2017 By: /s/ Martin Ferron

Name: Martin Ferron

Title: President & Chief Executive Officer