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**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
FOR
DRY PRAIRIE RURAL WATER AUTHORITY
VALLEY COUNTY PHASE 3**

TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

Date: 5/28/2013
Action: Water System Improvements Project
Location of Project: Valley County, Montana
DEQ/DWSRF Funding: To be Determined
Total Project Cost: \$1,382,000

An environmental review has been conducted by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regarding construction of a drinking water distribution system by the Dry Prairie Rural Water Authority (DPRWA) in Valley County.

The proposed action consists of the installation of approximately 33 miles of buried pipelines 1½ -inch to 8-inch diameter for drinking water. The pipelines are in an area of 8 miles square surrounding the town of Glasgow, but primarily northwest, west and south of Glasgow. These pipelines are part of the Dry Prairie Rural Water System and are intended to bring high quality drinking water to individual rural residents.

Based on the Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment, including environmental commitments detailed in the EA, the project is not expected to have any significant adverse impacts upon terrestrial and aquatic life or habitat, including endangered species, water quality or quantity, air quality, geological features, cultural or historical features, or social quality.

The DEQ utilized the following references in completing its environmental review of this project: (1) the Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Fort Peck Reservation Rural Water System, Fort Peck Reservation and Dry Prairie Service Areas, dated October 2002. The lead agency for the EA was the United States Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation (The Montana Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Natural Resources and Conservation were cooperating agencies in preparation of the EA); (2) Contract Legal Documents, Specifications and Drawings for the "Valley County Phase 3 Project Schedule 1 - Pipeline" prepared by DeWild Grant Reckert and Associates Company; and (3) Review of potential contaminant sources completed by the source water protection section of DEQ. These references are available for review upon request by contacting:

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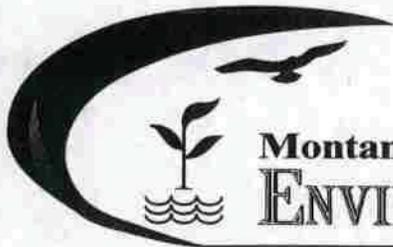
Comments on this finding or on the EA may be submitted to DEQ at the above address. Comments must be postmarked no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this FONSI in the newspaper. After evaluating substantive comments received, DEQ will revise the EA or determine if an EIS is necessary. Otherwise, this finding of no significant impact will stand if no substantive comments are received during the comment period or if substantive comments are received and evaluated and the environmental impacts are still determined to be non-significant.

Signed



Todd Teegarden, Chief
Technical & Financial Assistance Bureau

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Memorandum

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MAY 24 2013

DEQ
Planning Division

To: Marc Golz, Drinking Water SRF
From: Carolyn DeMartino, SWP Section *CD*
Date: May 24, 2013

Re: Potential Contaminant Source Review for the Dry Prairie Rural Water Authority Project

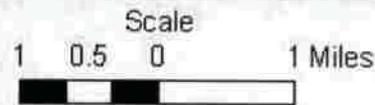
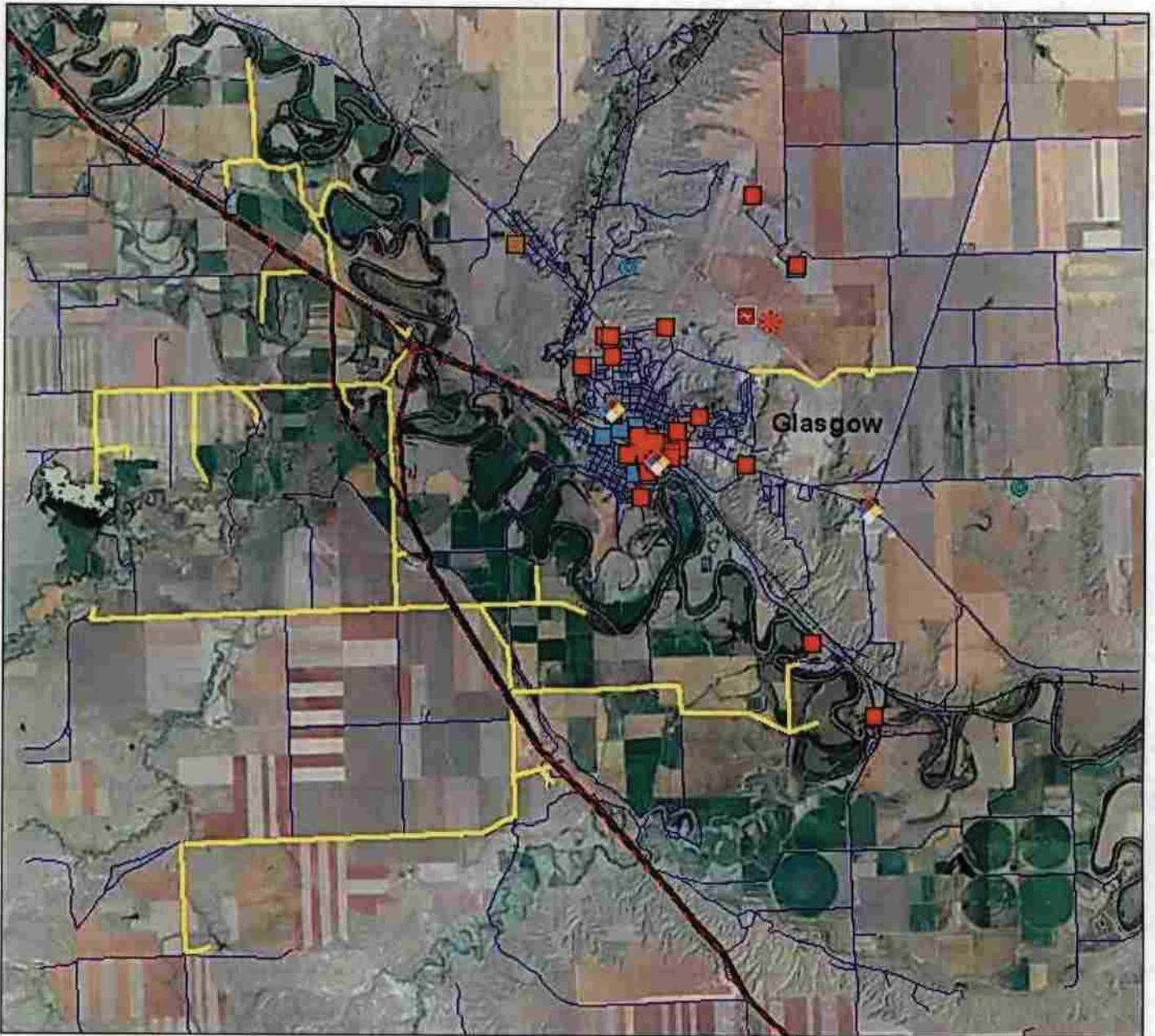
I reviewed the project areas for potential contaminant sources; and identified several natural gas pipeline crossings (see attached figure).

Review of potential contaminant sources included the following databases: underground fuel storage tanks (USTs), petroleum leak sites, active and abandoned mine sites, remediation response sites (including federal and state superfund sites, Montana Agricultural Chemical Groundwater Protection Act Sites, Water Quality Act Sites, landfills, transportation routes (roads/ railroads), petroleum pipelines, hazardous waste handlers, septic density, wastewater discharge areas, and RV dump sites.

The potential sources of contaminants described above are identified from readily available information. Consequently, unregulated activities or unreported contaminant releases may have been inadvertently overlooked. The use of multiple sources of information, however, should ensure that the majority of potential contaminant sources were addressed by this review.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to review this document.

Dry Prairie Rural Water Authority Potential Contaminant Source Review



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| Dry Prairie Water Lines | Leaking UST Site |
| Airports | Active Pipelines - All Types |
| DEQ Hazardous Waste Handlers | Railroad |
| LANDFILL | Area Roads |
| Remediation Site | City Sewer |
| Septic Application Site | High Septic Density |
| UST Site | Moderate Septic Density |

Base map from Bing Maps

Mapping by Carolyn DeMartino
DEQ SWPP
May 2013