

**CHECKLIST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

Project Name: Gas pipeline.	Proposed Implementation Date: October 30, 2004.
Proponent: Devon Louisiana Corporation.	LUL - 3212
Type and Purpose of Action: To license the installation of a 4 inch poly line to connect the new State 16-14-27-14 well to an existing line at State well #1. This new line will be 1950 feet long.	
Location: SE1/4SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4, Sec. 16, T27N, R14E.	County: Chouteau.

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<b>PROJECT DEVELOPMENT</b>		LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY OFFICE
1. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT, AGENCIES, GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED: Provide a brief chronology of the scoping and ongoing involvement for this project.	Devon Louisiana Corporation, Brent D. Sande, Landman, Sandy Horning, Administrative Assistant, Mt. DNRC, Steve Roth, Manager of the IX Ranch & lessee of State Lease #8188.	
2. OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES WITH JURISDICTION, LIST OF PERMITS NEEDED:	Mt Board of Oil & Gas.	
3. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:	The "No Action" alternative. The alternative to issue the Land Use License and later grant a permanent Easement.	

<b>IMPACTS ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT</b>	
4. GEOLOGY AND SOIL QUALITY, STABILITY AND MOISTURE: Are fragile, compactible or unstable soils present? Are there unusual geological features? Are there special reclamation considerations?	[N] Thin, silty soils are present. There are no unusual geologic features present.

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<p>5. WATER QUALITY, QUANTITY AND DISTRIBUTION: Are important surface or groundwater resources present? Is there potential for violation of ambient water quality standards, drinking water maximum contaminant levels, or degradation of water quality?</p>	<p>[N] Violation of water quality is unlikely. There are no sources of surface or ground water present within the project area.</p>
<p>6. AIR QUALITY: Will pollutants or particulate be produced? Is the project influenced by air quality regulations or zones (Class I airshed)?</p>	<p>[N] Pollutants and particulates from natural gases will be kept at a minimum.</p>
<p>7. VEGETATION COVER, QUANTITY AND QUALITY: Will vegetative communities be permanently altered? Are any rare plants or cover types present?</p>	<p>[N] There are no rare plants or cover types present. Minimal vegetative disturbance will occur with this project.</p>
<p>8. TERRESTRIAL, AVIAN AND AQUATIC LIFE AND HABITATS: Is there substantial use of the area by important wildlife, birds or fish?</p>	<p>[N] There is some use, but it is not substantial.</p>
<p>9. UNIQUE, ENDANGERED, FRAGILE OR LIMITED ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES: Are any federally listed threatened or endangered species or identified habitat present? Any wetlands? Sensitive Species or Species of special concern?</p>	<p>[Y] There is a sharptail lek within this tract. Project construction will not take place during the mating season.</p>
<p>10. HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES: Are any historical, archeological, or paleontological resources present?</p>	<p>[N] There are no historical, paleontological or archaeological resources present.</p>
<p>11. AESTHETICS: Is the project on a prominent topographical feature? Will it be visible from populated or scenic areas? Will there be excessive noise or light?</p>	<p>[N] This project will not be near populated areas.</p>
<p>12. DEMANDS ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES OF LAND, WATER, AIR OR ENERGY: Will the project use resources that are limited in the area? Are there other activities nearby that will affect the project?</p>	<p>[Y] Natural gas is a limited natural resource. There are other gas wells near by.</p>

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13. OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS PERTINENT TO THE AREA: Are there other studies, plans or projects on this tract?	[N] None.
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**III. IMPACTS ON THE HUMAN POPULATION**

14. HUMAN HEALTH AND SAFETY: Will this project add to health and safety risk in the area?	[N] Human health and safety will not be affected by this proposed project.
15. INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND PRODUCTION: Will the project add to or alter these activities?	[Y] Industrial and commercial activities will be enhanced by this project.
16. QUANTITY AND DISTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYMENT: Will the project create, move or eliminate jobs? If so, estimated number.	[N] New jobs will not be created.
17. LOCAL AND STATE TAX BASE AND TAX REVENUES: Will the project create or eliminate tax revenue?	[N] Taxes will not be affected.
18. DEMAND FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES: Will substantial traffic be added to existing roads? Will other services (fire protection, police, schools, etc.) be needed?	[N] Additional traffic will not happen.
19. LOCALLY ADOPTED ENVIRONMENTAL PLANS AND GOALS: Are there State, County, City, USFS, BLM, Tribal, etc., zoning or management plans in effect?	[N] None.
20. ACCESS TO AND QUALITY OF RECREATIONAL AND WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES: Are wilderness or recreational areas nearby or accessed through this tract? Is there recreational potential within the tract?	[Y] There is recreational potential within this tract for big game and upland game hunting.
21. DENSITY AND DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION AND HOUSING: Will the project add to the population and require	[N] Additional housing will not be a requirement.

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additional housing?	
22. SOCIAL STRUCTURES AND MORES: Is some disruption of native or traditional lifestyles or communities possible?	[N] Disruption is not likely.
23. CULTURAL UNIQUENESS AND DIVERSITY: Will the action cause a shift in some unique quality of the area?	[N] There should not be any shift.
24. OTHER APPROPRIATE SOCIAL AND ECONOMICAL CIRCUMSTANCES:	[N] None.

EA Checklist Prepared By:

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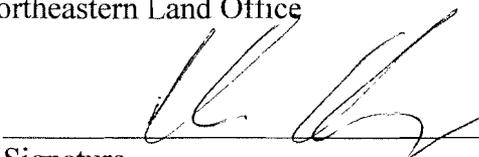
  
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IV. FINDING	
25. ALTERNATIVE SELECTED:	The alternative to issue the Land Use License and later a permanent Easement.
26. SIGNIFICANCE OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS:	Minimal negative impacts are expected with this proposed project.
27. Need for Further Environmental Analysis:	
<input type="checkbox"/> EIS <input type="checkbox"/> More Detailed EA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Further Analysis	

EA Checklist Approved by:

CLIVE ROONEY, Area Manager, Northeastern Land Office

  
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