

# ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (EA)

## Part I. Proposed Action Description

Applicant/Contact Name & Address: Helena Valley Irrigation District  
Sleeping Giant Power, LLC  
3840 N. Montana Ave  
Helena, MT 59602

Type of Action: Application for Beneficial Water Use Permit 411-30104062

Location Affected by Action: Sections 4 T10N R1W, Lewis and Clark County

Narrative Summary of Proposed Action: The Applicant proposes to divert 1,026 CFS up to 440,814 AF of water into the existing HVID system for the purpose of power generation.

## Part II. Existing Environmental Review Information

**Title:** Helena Valley Irrigation District –Lease of Power Privilege- Final Environmental Assessment

**Publication Date:** December 11, 2015

**Lead Agency:** United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)

**Location Where Interested Parties Can View or Obtain the Document:** The Bureau of Reclamation website, hyperlink to see this EA is

[http://www.usbr.gov/gp/mtao/nepa/helena\\_valley.html](http://www.usbr.gov/gp/mtao/nepa/helena_valley.html)

## Part III. Criteria for Adopting Existing Environmental Review

- Yes  No Does the existing environmental review cover an action paralleling or closely related to the proposed action?
- Yes  No Is the information in the existing environmental review accurate and clearly presented?
- Yes  No Is the information in the existing environmental review applicable to the action being considered?
- Yes  No Were all appropriate Agencies consulted during preparation of the existing environmental review?
- Yes  No Were alternatives to the proposed action evaluated as part of the existing environmental review effort?
- Yes  No Have all of the impacts of the proposed action been accurately identified as part of the existing environmental review?
- Yes  No If the existing environmental review identifies any significant impacts as a result of the proposed action, will they be mitigated below the level of significance?

## Part IV. Conclusion

If the answers to ALL of the questions listed above are "Yes", the existing environmental review can be considered sufficient to satisfy DNRC's MEPA review responsibilities.

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