

This standard Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) Worksheet, found in the BLM NEPA Handbook (H-1790-1), Appendix 8 (pp. 161-164), should be used to process oil and gas lease reinstatements pursuant to this Instruction Memorandum. When completing the Worksheet for proposed lease reinstatements: (1) the “Proposed Action” should be described as a “Proposed Lease Reinstatement”; and (2) Questions 1 and 2 in Section D ordinarily will not require an explanation, because NEPA documents prepared for proposed planning or leasing decisions by their nature analyze the same geographic area and a range of alternatives that encompasses a lease reinstatement.

Worksheet

Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)

**U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management**

OFFICE:

TRACKING NUMBER:

CASEFILE/PROJECT NUMBER:

PROPOSED ACTION TITLE/TYPE:

LOCATION/LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

APPLICANT (if any):

A. Description of the Proposed Action and any applicable mitigation measures

B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

LUP Name* _____

Date Approved _____

Other document _____

Date Approved _____

Other document _____

Date Approved _____

** List applicable LUPs (e.g., resource management plans; activity, project, management, or program plans; or applicable amendments)*

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions:

The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decisions (objectives, terms, and conditions):

C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

List by name and date all applicable NEPA documents that cover the proposed action.

List by name and date other documentation relevant to the proposed action (e.g., biological assessment, biological opinion, watershed assessment, allotment evaluation, and monitoring report).

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar

to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

(As noted at the top of the Worksheet, Question 1 ordinarily will not require an explanation for proposed lease reinstatements.)

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the new proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

(As noted at the top of the Worksheet, Question 2 ordinarily will not require an explanation for proposed lease reinstatements.)

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, rangeland health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

4. Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

E. Persons/Agencies /BLM Staff Consulted

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Resource/Agency Represented</u>
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Note: Refer to the EA/EIS for a complete list of the team members participating in the preparation of the original environmental analysis or planning documents.

Conclusion *(If you found that one or more of these criteria is not met, you will not be able to check this box.)*

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes the BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA.

Signature of Project Lead

Signature of NEPA Coordinator

Signature of the Responsible Official

Date

Note: The signed Conclusion on this Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. However, the lease, permit, or other authorization based on this DNA is subject to protest or appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 and the program-specific regulations.