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EXCEPTION CHECKLIST FOR BIA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS

Date: 6/29/2010

Project: Supplemental to Environmental Assessment for Questar Exploration and Production, Four Bakken Formation Exploratory Wells at Four Locations, MHA 1-06H-149-91, MHA 1-01H-149-92, MHA 1-31H-150-91, MHA 1-06-31H-150-92, September 2009, to Authorize installation of oil and gas production lines at each well.

Nature of Proposed Action: The purpose of the proposed action is to authorize QEP to install oil and gas production lines in the ditch of the existing access roads to each well. No new surface disturbances will be associated with the installation of these production lines.

Exclusion category and number: 516 DM 10.5G(3)

Evaluation of Exceptions to use of Categorical Exclusion:

1. This action would have significant adverse effects on public health or safety. No X Yes _____
2. This action would have an adverse effect on unique geographical features, such as wetlands, wild or scenic rivers, refuges, floodplains, rivers placed on nationwide river inventory, or prime or unique farmlands. No X Yes _____
3. The action will have highly controversial environmental effects. No X Yes _____
4. The action will have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks. No X Yes _____
5. This action will establish a precedent for future actions. No X Yes _____
6. This action is related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant environmental effects. No X Yes _____
7. This action will affect properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. No X Yes _____

- 8. This action will affect a species listed, or proposed to be listed as endangered or threatened. No X Yes _____
- 9. This action threatens to violate federal, state, local or tribal law or requirements imposed for protection of the environment. No X Yes _____
- 10. This action will have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations. No X Yes _____
- 11. This action will limit access to, and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners, or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites. No X Yes _____
- 12. This action will contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area, or may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species. No X Yes _____

A "yes" to any of the above exceptions will require that an EA be prepared.

NEPA Action --- CE X EA _____

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