



June 29, 2022

Richard Phillips  
General Manager  
Bow River Irrigation District  
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Dear Mr. Phillips:

Further to your e-mail of June 9, 2022, I have performed an initial review of your proposed Deadhorse Reservoir Project pursuant to Section 44 of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (EPEA). This activity is not a mandatory activity for the purposes of environmental assessment, however, having regard to the consideration set out in Section 44(3) of EPEA, I have decided that further assessment of the activity is required.

Under Section 44(5) of EPEA you are required to provide notice of this decision in accordance with Section 3 of the Environmental Assessment Regulation. We require the submission of a disclosure document which provides sufficient information about the project and its impacts so that the public can understand the project and provide input to the process.

Please contact the Environmental Assessment Coordinator, Meghan Jurijew at 780-643-6853 ([meghan.jurijew@gov.ab.ca](mailto:meghan.jurijew@gov.ab.ca)) for guidance on the content and placement of the notice and on the required content of the public disclosure document.

I will use this information and the advice which I receive from the public and government agencies to make a decision on the need for an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report. I will also prepare and issue a screening report documenting the decision.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at 780-644-4983.

Sincerely,

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