# NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA)

#### What is NEPA?

NEPA discloses the environmental effects of proposed actions and alternatives, and informs and involves the public in the decision-making process. The Corps of Engineers (Corps) and Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) are preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) to document this information.

In this case, Reclamation and Corps are proposing to improve fish passage at the Intake Diversion Dam to help pass the endangered pallid sturgeon and other native fish, and continue viable and effective operation of the Lower Yellowstone Project.

## **Public Participation**

You have valuable information about Intake Diversion Dam and the potential environmental, social, and economic effects that could result from the implementation of the action.

Providing scoping comments is an

opportunity to provide input on project purpose and need, alternatives to be considered, what resources may be impacted by the project, and how changes may impact you or other groups. Both agencies will take into consideration all comments provided during the scoping comment period.

### What's Next?

Reclamation and the Corps are using the scoping period to fully identify the range of potentially significant issues, actions, alternatives, and impacts to be considered in the EIS. The agencies are gathering public comments at the scoping meeting, via mail, and via e-mail until February 18, 2016.

Written Comments can be submitted to:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Omaha District
ATTN: CENWO-PM-AA
1616 Capitol Avenue
Omaha, NE 68102

For additional information on this

proposal or on the NEPA process, please contact *Tiffany Vanosdall: (402) 995-2695 tiffany.k.vanosdall@usace.army.mil.* The project website can be accessed at: <a href="http://www.usbr.gov/gp/mtao/loweryellowstone">http://www.usbr.gov/gp/mtao/loweryellowstone</a>.

## **NEPA Process**

Notice of Intent

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Public Scoping Meetings and 45-Day Comment Period

**Scoping Report** 

Evaluation and Analysis of Issues and Alternatives

Draft FIS

Public Meetings and 45-Day Comment Period

Final EIS

30-Day Notice of Availability

Record of Decision



