

The NEPA/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Process

Notice of Intent

Notice that DOE is preparing an EIS and extending an invitation to participate in the EIS process

Scoping Period

Agencies and persons provide comments to the DOE on the "scope" of the EIS

DOE Prepares Draft EIS

DOE incorporates input from scoping and prepares an environmental analysis of the alternatives

Notice of Availability of Draft EIS

DOE publishes notice that the Draft EIS is complete and available for public review and comment

Comment Period

Agencies and the public have 45 days to review and provide comments on the Draft EIS

DOE Prepares Final EIS

DOE prepares responses to public comments and revises EIS as needed

Notice of Availability of Final EIS

DOE publishes notice that the Final EIS is complete and available for review

30-day Waiting Period

Allows time for agencies and public to review changes from Draft to Final EIS

DOE Issues Record of Decision

DOE Publishes the Record of Decision indicating completion of the NEPA process for the proposed action