National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process and Schedule

NEPA requires federal agencies to consider the impacts of their Proposed Actions on the human environment prior to making any decision on action implementation.

For major federal action potentially significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must be prepared

- Preparation of an EIS is a multi-step process
- Public participation is an essential part of NEPA!

The EIS includes the following information:

- Purpose of and need for the Proposed Action
- Description of the Proposed Action (i.e., Preferred Alternative) and No Action Alternative
- Existing environmental conditions
- Impact analysis for each alternative
- Mitigation measures to reduce or avoid adverse effects

Notice of Intent
November 2019

Public Scoping
November 15 –
December 15 2019

Publish
Draft EIS
November 6, 2020

Draft EIS Public Review Period (45 Days)

November 6 –
December 21 2020

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Publish
Final EIS
Spring 2021

Waiting Period following Final EIS (30 days)

Record of Decision
Summer 2021

= Opportunity for public comment

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