

Steps in the state environmental review process for this project.

**Step 1: Proposal is submitted**

The applicant (or project proponent) submits their proposal to the agency that is running the state environmental process. The agency running the review process is called the lead agency.

**Step 2: Determination**

The lead agency determines if the project is likely to have adverse significant impacts. If they are likely, an environmental impact statement (also called an EIS) is required.

**Step 3: EIS Scope**

During scoping, lead agency uses input from public agencies, Tribes, and organizations to decide what to study in the EIS. A public comment period and public meetings are held.

**Step 4: Draft EIS**

After the scope is determined, the lead agency collects and analyzes information about potential impacts. The results of this analysis are included in a report, a draft EIS. A public comment period and public meetings are held. This is the stage that we are in right now.

**Step 5: Final EIS**

In the final stage, the lead agency considers feedback from the public, agencies, Tribes, and organizations to develop a final EIS.

The final EIS is an impartial document used by agencies to consider impacts, alternatives, and mitigation before making future permit decisions.