

Understanding the National Environmental Policy Act

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) became law in 1969 and is "a national policy which will encourage productivity and enjoyable harmony between man and the environment."

Public Involvement

Regardless of the level of analysis, NEPA requires public participation and input.

Public involvement is an essential component of the NEPA process. Public involvement assists the National Guard Bureau in understanding community interests to make more informed decisions regarding proposals.

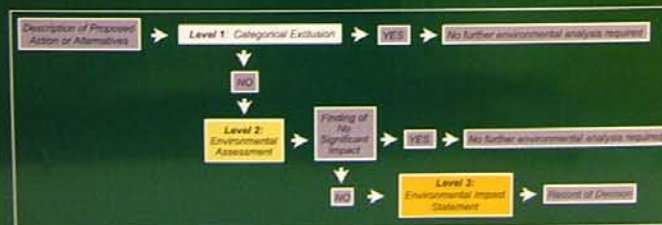


It has been determined that the level of analysis required by NEPA for this proposal is an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

NEPA Levels of Analysis

NEPA has mandated procedures that require federal decision makers to analyze potential human health or environmental consequences of proposed actions and viable alternatives. The level of analysis required depends upon potential impact to the environment.

Clearly insignificant impact on the environment	Level 1:	Categorical Exclusion (CATEX)
Potential for impacts	Level 2:	Environmental Assessment (EA)
Potential for significant impacts	Level 3:	Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)



The EIS Timeline

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