



US Army Corps of Engineers

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Assessment Guidelines and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process



NEPA GUIDES THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS PROCESS

NEPA is the federal law that requires federal agencies to evaluate the potential environmental effects of proposed projects, and to inform and involve the public in the decision-making process.

The EIS includes sections describing the:

- ◆ Purpose and Need of the Project
- ◆ Action Alternatives
- ◆ Baseline Conditions
- ◆ Environmental Effects

TYPES OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

- ◆ Direct Effects
- ◆ Indirect Effects
- ◆ Cumulative Effects
- ◆ Conflicts with land use plans, policies or controls
- ◆ Short-term use of the environment versus long-term productivity
- ◆ Irreversible or irretrievable commitment of resources

IMPACT ANALYSIS CRITERIA

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has identified a broad spectrum of general and project-specific criteria with which to analyze the potential impacts of the action alternatives. The criteria group are as follows:

- ◆ Institutional Criteria
 - NEPA
 - Council of Environmental Quality Regulations
 - USACE Engineering Regulations 200-2-2
 - National Historic Preservation Act
- ◆ Public Criteria
 - Comments
- ◆ Technical Criteria
 - Levee Stability
 - Flood Conveyance
- ◆ Technical Criteria
 - Texas Endangered Species
 - North Central Texas Council of Governments Certification
 - Environmental Responsibility

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS NEPA PUBLIC MEETING?

NEPA is a public process designed to solicit public and agency comments regarding issues that an environmental document should consider.

This NEPA meeting aims to:

- ◆ Present the Draft EIS
- ◆ Provide opportunities to provide input

The USACE and City of Dallas request input from interested persons, organizations, and agencies on:

- ◆ Environmental resources analysis
- ◆ Public impact assessment criteria

We Encourage Your Input During the NEPA Public Review Period!



OVERVIEW OF NEPA PROCESS

Accomplishments and Next Steps

