

The SEPA EIS Process

An environmental impact statement (EIS) is prepared when the lead agency has determined that a proposal is likely to result in significant adverse environmental impacts.

Prepare Scoping Document (Optional)

Prepare Supporting Discipline Reports As Necessary

Scoping
Scoping provides notice to the public, tribes, and other agencies that an EIS is being prepared, initiates their involvement in the process, and allows them to identify which issues are relevant for the EIS.

DEIS
Draft version of an Environmental Impact Statement

FEIS
Final Version of an Environmental Impact Statement

Determine EIS is Needed (Determination of Significance)

Issue Scoping Notice

Identify Alternatives and Environmental Elements

Prepare / Issue Draft EIS (DEIS)

Invite Public, Tribal and Agency Comment

Revise DEIS into Final EIS (FEIS)
Select Preferred Alternative

Distribute FEIS

Issue Notice of Action