The NEPA Planning Process
(National Environmental Policy Act)

Step 1: Identify Purpose, Need and Objectives for Taking Action

Step 2: Conduct Internal Scoping; Develop Proposal; Review Environmental Screening Form

Step 3: Determine the Appropriate NEPA Pathway

Step 4: Refine Alternatives; Conduct Public Involvement

Step 5: Describe Affected Environment; Supporting Data and Studies

Step 6: Analyze Alternatives for Environmental Consequences

Step 7: Revise Alternatives and Draft Environmental Document

Step 8: Conduct Document Analysis; Allow Public Review and Comment; Prepare Decision Document (FONSI or NOI)