



NEPA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires that every federal

agency prepare an in-depth study of the impacts of "major federal actions having a significant effect on the environment" and prepare alternatives to those actions, and requires that each agency make that information an integral part of its decisions.

NEPA is the environmental component of agency planning, and is to be integrated with other planning at the earliest possible time to ensure planning and decisions reflect environmental values.

NEPA also requires that agencies make a diligent effort to involve the interested and affected public, Native American tribes, state, federal, and local agencies before they make decisions affecting the environment.

Currently, the National Park Service is beginning the Public Scoping phase of the NEPA process for Contaminated Mine Drainage Mitigation and Treatment System EIS.



Internal Scoping

Notice of Intent
Published in
Federal
Register

Public Scoping

Preparation
of Draft
EIS

Notice of
Availability of
Draft EIS

Public Comment
Period on the Draft
EIS

Preparation
of Final EIS

Notice of
Availability of
Final EIS

Waiting Period

Record of Decision

Shaded items have been completed.