

for Potomac-Appalachian Transmission Highline (PATH) Right-of-Way Applications

Appalachian National Scenic Trail
Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park
Harpers Ferry National Historical Park
Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail
Monongahela National Forest
 West Virginia, Virginia, and Maryland

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



U.S. Forest Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Baltimore District



NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA)

- Intended “*to encourage productive and enjoyable harmony between human beings and the physical environment for present and future generations*”
- Requires every federal agency to prepare an in-depth study of the impacts of “*major federal actions having a significant effect on the environment*”
 - To evaluate reasonable alternatives
 - To detail adverse environmental effects
- Helps public officials make decisions based on an understanding of environmental impacts
- Helps public officials take actions that protect, restore and enhance the environment
- Ensures that environmental information is available to citizens before decisions are made and actions are taken

NEPA PROCESS SCHEDULE

	2010								2011				2012				2013
	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Spr.	Sum.	Fall	Win.	Spr.	Sum.	Fall	Win.	Spr.	
Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS																	
Public Scoping																	
Public Meetings on Range of Alternatives																	
Prepare Draft EIS																	
Public Reviews Draft EIS																	
Prepare Final EIS																	
Prepare Records of Decision																	