



Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility Boardman EIS

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process and Community Involvement

NEPA ensures that U.S. federal agencies consider environmental consequences of proposed actions. The public participates in the process by:

- Helping to identify environmental issues and potential alternatives during the scoping period
- Evaluating the analysis of the proposed action and alternatives during the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) public comment period
- Evaluating the Final EIS and U.S. Navy responses to the public comments received on the Draft EIS during the Final EIS wait period

MILESTONES	DESCRIPTION	SCHEDULE
Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare an EIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Publication of the NOI in the Federal Register starts the public involvement phase of the process 	Oct. 5, 2010
Scoping Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conducted prior to start of environmental analysis ▪ Actively involves the public and other agencies in identifying the environmental issues to be addressed in the EIS ▪ Provides two scoping meetings and a 41-day public comment period 	Scoping Meetings: Boardman, Oregon Oct. 27, 2010 Hermiston, Oregon Oct. 28, 2010 Comment Period Closing Date: Nov. 15, 2010
Draft EIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presents the analysis of potential environmental impacts for the proposed action and each of the identified alternatives, including a no action alternative ▪ Available for public and agency review and comment ▪ Filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and made available to interested parties 	Spring 2012
Public Hearings and Comment Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provides a minimum of 45 days for the public to comment on the analysis presented in the Draft EIS 	Spring 2012
Final EIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An update to the Draft EIS based on comments received during the public hearings and comment period ▪ Announced via a Notice of Availability of the Final EIS published in the Federal Register and appropriate newspapers ▪ Filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and made available to interested parties 	Winter 2012-2013
30-Day Wait Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provides a 30-day wait period after the Final EIS is published 	Spring 2013
Record of Decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Follows the 30-day wait period and considers public comments on the possible environmental effects ▪ Includes selection of an alternative by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations & Environment) ▪ Announced via a Notice of Record of Decision published in the Federal Register and appropriate newspapers ▪ Made available to interested parties 	Spring 2013