



Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility Boardman EIS

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process and EIS Timeline

NEPA requires federal agencies to examine the potential environmental effects of their actions for more informed decision-making. The public participates in the NEPA 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 EIS public comment period
- Evaluating the Final EIS and Navy responses to the public comments received on the Draft EIS during the Final EIS 30-day wait period

MILESTONES	DESCRIPTION	SCHEDULE
Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare an EIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Initiated the public involvement phase of the EIS process 	Oct. 5, 2010 Dec. 27, 2011
Scoping Meetings and Comment Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conducted prior to start of environmental analysis ▪ Involved the public and other agencies in identifying the environmental issues to be addressed in the EIS ▪ Provided two scoping meetings and a 41-day public comment period ▪ Provided a separate and additional 62-day public comment period to address a modification to the Proposed Action, which included the addition of new special use airspace in the form of a Military Operations Area 	Scoping Period: Oct. 5, 2010 – Nov. 15, 2010 Scoping Meetings: Boardman: Oct. 27, 2010 Hermiston: Oct. 28, 2010 Additional Scoping Period: Dec. 27, 2011 – Feb. 27, 2012
Draft EIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presented the analysis of potential environmental impacts for the Proposed Action and each of the identified alternatives, including a no action alternative 	Sept. 7, 2012
Public Meetings and Comment Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provides 60 days for the public to comment on the analysis presented in the Draft EIS 	Public Comment Period: Sept. 7, 2012 – Nov. 6, 2012 Public Meetings: Hermiston: Sept. 25, 2012 Boardman: Sept. 26, 2012
Final EIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Includes updates to the Draft EIS and responses to all public comments received during the Draft EIS comment period 	Summer 2013
30-Day Wait Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provides a 30-day wait period after the Final EIS is published 	Summer 2013
Record of Decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Follows the 30-day wait period and consideration of public comments ▪ Alternative selected by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations and Environment) 	Fall 2013