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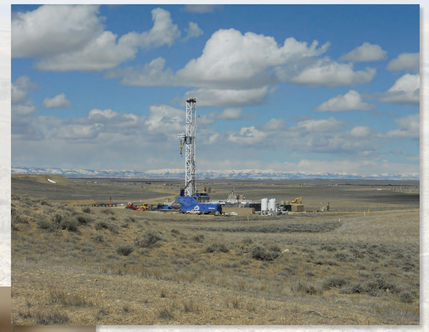
National Environmental Policy Act

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires federal agencies, including the Bureau of Land Management, to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) that considers the following factors when a proposed project could result in significant effects:

- Input from public, agency, tribal and other affected parties
- A reasonable range of alternatives
- Environmental consequences
- Social, economic and human health consequences
- Mitigation to reduce adverse impacts and monitoring to evaluate mitigation effectiveness



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What is Scoping?

Scoping provides members of the public, agencies and other affected parties an opportunity to:

- Learn more about the project
- Provide comments on the project
- Identify issues to be analyzed in the EIS

Project Timeline

- Notice of Intent Published in Federal Register: May 9, 2014
- Public Scoping Meetings: May 29 & 30, 2014
- Preparation of Draft EIS: 2014 – 2015
- Notice of Availability of Draft EIS: 2015
- 45-Day Public Comment Period: 2015
- Preparation of Final EIS: 2015 – 2016
- Notice of Availability of Final EIS: 2016
- 30-Day Review Period: 2016
- Record of Decision: 2016

Please provide comments at this meeting or submit comments by mail prior to the close of the public comment period. Comments will become part of the official public record and will be considered in the development of the EIS.

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Making Effective Comments

- State specific concerns instead of making broad statements
- Focus your comments on specific issues and provide supporting details
- Identify important environmental and community concerns

Effective comments help ensure all issues are identified and addressed in the NEPA analysis. See below for examples of effective comments:

- "We would prefer that this project employs a local workforce"
- "This EIS needs to consider cumulative impacts associated with other oil and gas development in the area, specifically impacts to air quality from this and other projects"