NEPA PROCESS OVERVIEW

NEW HAVEN HARBOR NAVIGATION IMPROVEMENT STUDY

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New Haven Harbot Improvement Project NEPA Process Overview



NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA)

- A federal law that requires the identification and analysis of potential environmental and socioeconomic effects before those actions take place.
- A statutory requirement triggered by major federal actions that could significantly affect the quality of the human environment.
- A "full disclosure" law with provisions for public access to and public participation in the federal decision-making process.
- A mechanism for evaluating potential environmental impacts and incorporating public involvement into the federal decision-making process.





ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PURPOSE

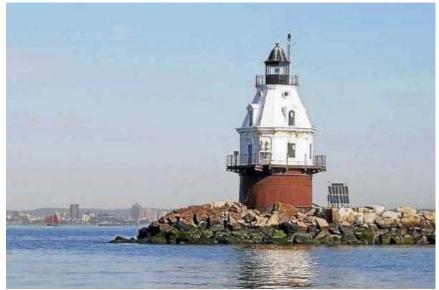
- Identify and Evaluate Alternatives
- Provide Baseline Conditions for All Alternatives
- Analyze Environmental and Socioeconomic Impacts of the Alternatives
- Allow opportunities for Public Involvement
- Demonstrate Compliance with:
- NEPA
- Clean Water Act
- Clean Air Act
- Coastal Zone Management Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act
- National Historic Preservation Act
- All other applicable Acts, Executive Orders, and Memorandums





MAJOR STEPS IN THE NEPA/EIS PROCESS

- Notice of Intent
- Scoping
- Baseline Data Gathering
- Impact Analysis
- Draft EIS Publication
- Public Review and Comment
- Final EIS Publication
- Record of Decision







EIS OUTLINE

- Executive Summary
- Purpose, Need, and Scope
- Proposed Action
- Alternatives
- Affected Environment
- Environmental and Socioeconomic Consequences
- Compliance
- Documentation of Public Participation
- List of Preparers





GENERAL SCHEDULE



- Scoping Meetings January 2017
- Alternatives Informational Meeting September 2017
- Draft EIS April 2018
- Public Meeting/Hearing May 2018
- Final EIS July 2019
- Record of Decision November 2019





PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Scoping Meeting
- Alternatives Workshop
- Public Review of Draft EIS
- Public Hearing/Meeting
- Fact Sheets
- Media Relations







TODAY'S PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

 Provide Comments on the Proposed Study

Example Topics (NOT LIMITED TO):

- Environmental Issues
 - Earth Resources
 - Water Resources
 - ✤ Air Resources
 - Vegetation, Wildlife, and Wetlands
 - Hazardous and Toxic Wastes
- Socioeconomic Issues
 - Land Use
 - Public Health and Safety
 - ✤ Noise
 - Historical and Cultural Resources
 - Visual Environment
 - Public Utilities
 - Transportation

File Name

- How Do I Provide My Comments?
- Use the comment sheet provided tonight
- Provide a verbal comment or question to the panel tonight
- Email comments to: todd.a.randall@usace.army.mil
- Mail comments to: US Army Corps of Engineers New England District Attn: Todd Randall 696 Virginia Road Concord, MA 01742
- Please Provide Comments By February 23, 2017



