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UC MERCED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT SCHEDULE MILESTONES

(in days)

Steps in NEPA Process	Estimated	Actual	Status
1. Public Notice and Notice of Intent to Prepare EIS Corps Issues Public Notice and Notice of Intent in Federal Register Public Notice Comment Period Public Scoping Meeting	15 30 5 - 10	15 30 10	Completed (Mar 02) Completed (Apr 02) Completed (Apr 02)
2. Draft EIS Preparation Prepare Work Plan* Compose Administrative Draft of DEIS* Corps Reviews Administrative Draft of DEIS Print/mail DEIS	120-180 180 - 360 60 - 120 30 - 60	210	Completed (Jan 03) In Progress
3. DEIS Circulation Notice of Availability in Federal Register DEIS Comment Period, including Public Meeting (if necessary)	30 60		
4. Final EIS Preparation Prepare Response to Comments and Compose Administrative Draft of FEIS* Corps Reviews Administrative Draft of FEIS Print/mail FEIS	90 - 180 60 - 120 30 - 60		
5. FEIS Circulation Notice of Availability in Federal Register Public Meeting (if necessary)	30 5 - 10		
6. Record of Decision Prepare ROD and Make Permit Decision	60 - 90		

Total: 805 – 1355 (2.2 – 3.7 years)

Potential delays include: incomplete/inadequate information, Section 7 Consultation under the Federal Endangered Species Act, permit decision elevation by EPA or USFWS, project modifications, litigation

*EIS Contractor