

NEPA TERMINOLOGY FOR SUPPLEMENTAL EIS PROCESS

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)	The federal law that requires the Environmental Impact Statement to be prepared for federal actions that have significant effects to the quality of the human environment (includes natural, physical, economic, and social effects)
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)	A federal agency report that evaluates the environmental impacts of a proposed action and alternative actions. There is a Draft and Final EIS prepared.
Re-evaluation	A review of a completed EIS to assess changes that have occurred in the project scope, project area, environmental laws, or scientific methodology. Based on the review, the Lead Agencies will determine is whether additional topics need to be analyzed in a Supplemental EIS to meet the requirements of NEPA.
Supplemental EIS	A version of an EIS prepared after a Draft or Final EIS has been approved that is required when there are significant changes to a proposed action, when there are significant new circumstances, or significant new information becomes available.
Cooperating Agency	Other federal agencies with legal jurisdiction or special expertise that cooperate in the preparation of the EIS or Supplemental EIS
Alternatives Considered	Different ways of achieving an agency’s “Purpose and Need”.
Record of Decision (ROD)	The decision document that the lead agency prepares which explains the agency’s criteria and logic used in selecting an alternative.