

What is an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)?

An EIS is a requirement of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for projects seeking Federal Action that may result in a significant effect on the quality of the Human or Natural Environment. An EIS is a tool for decision-making.

Environmental topics typically studied include:

- Purpose & Need
- Transportation
- Land Use & Zoning
- Socio-Economic Conditions
- Neighborhoods & Community Services
- Visual & Aesthetic Considerations
- Historic & Archaeological Resources
- Parklands
- Natural Resources
- Water Resources
- Air Quality
- Noise & Vibration
- Energy Use
- Hazardous & Contaminated Materials
- Safety & Security
- Property Acquisitions
- Residential & Business Displacements
- Construction Impacts
- Indirect & Cumulative Effects
- Financial Analysis
- Public & Agency Input

