



## Deepwater Port Applications and the NEPA Process – Part I

## What is NEPA?



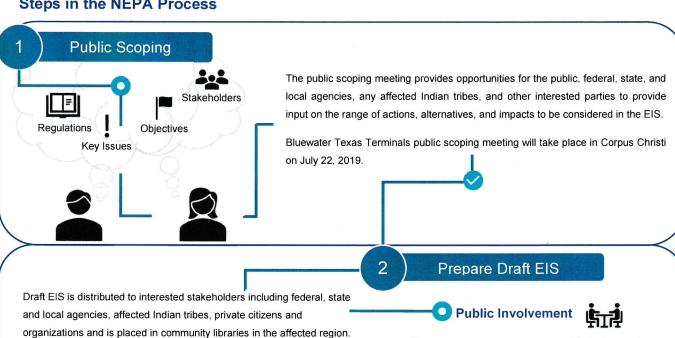
The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) was passed in 1969 and has two major objectives:

- To ensure that Federal agencies consider the potential environmental effects of proposed programs, projects, and actions before initiating them.
- To inform the public and encourage and facilitate public involvement in Federal agency activities that may affect the quality of the human environment.

Guidelines for Federal agencies to implement NEPA were established in regulations by the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) in 40 CFR 1500-1508. In addition, the U.S. Coast Guard (Coast Guard) has issued implementing procedures and policy for considering environmental impacts under NEPA and related laws.

Documents prepared under NEPA include a Categorical Exclusion, and Environmental Assessment, and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). When a proposed action has the potential for significant impacts, an EIS, the most detailed analysis conducted under NEPA, is prepared.

## Steps in the NEPA Process



Open houses and public meetings provide the public an opportunity to make oral comments or submit written comments.

NEPA mandates that local, state, and federal agencies, any affected Indian Tribes, and private citizens within the potentially affected areas be given the opportunity to comment on proposed actions throughout the NEPA process.





The Deepwater Port Act directs the Coast Guard and MARAD to prepare the EIS in a manner that fulfills the requirements of all federal agencies in carrying out their responsibilities under NEPA. Coast Guard and MARAD also ensure that all connected actions which may affect local, state, and Indian tribe interests are analyzed. The list of agencies contacted for coordination and comments are part of the EIS.



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	By fax to the Federal Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.	<b>1</b>	By personal delivery to the room and address listed to the right between 9:00AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.  U.S. Department of Transportation West Building, Ground Floor Room W12-140 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590-0001	
	Please include the Docket Number MARAD-2019-0094 on your comments to ensure all relevant information related to the proposed project is adequately addressed in the Draft EIS.		Scoping Comments must be submitted by August 2, 2019.	
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