



Deepwater Port Applications and the NEPA Process – Part I

What is NEPA?



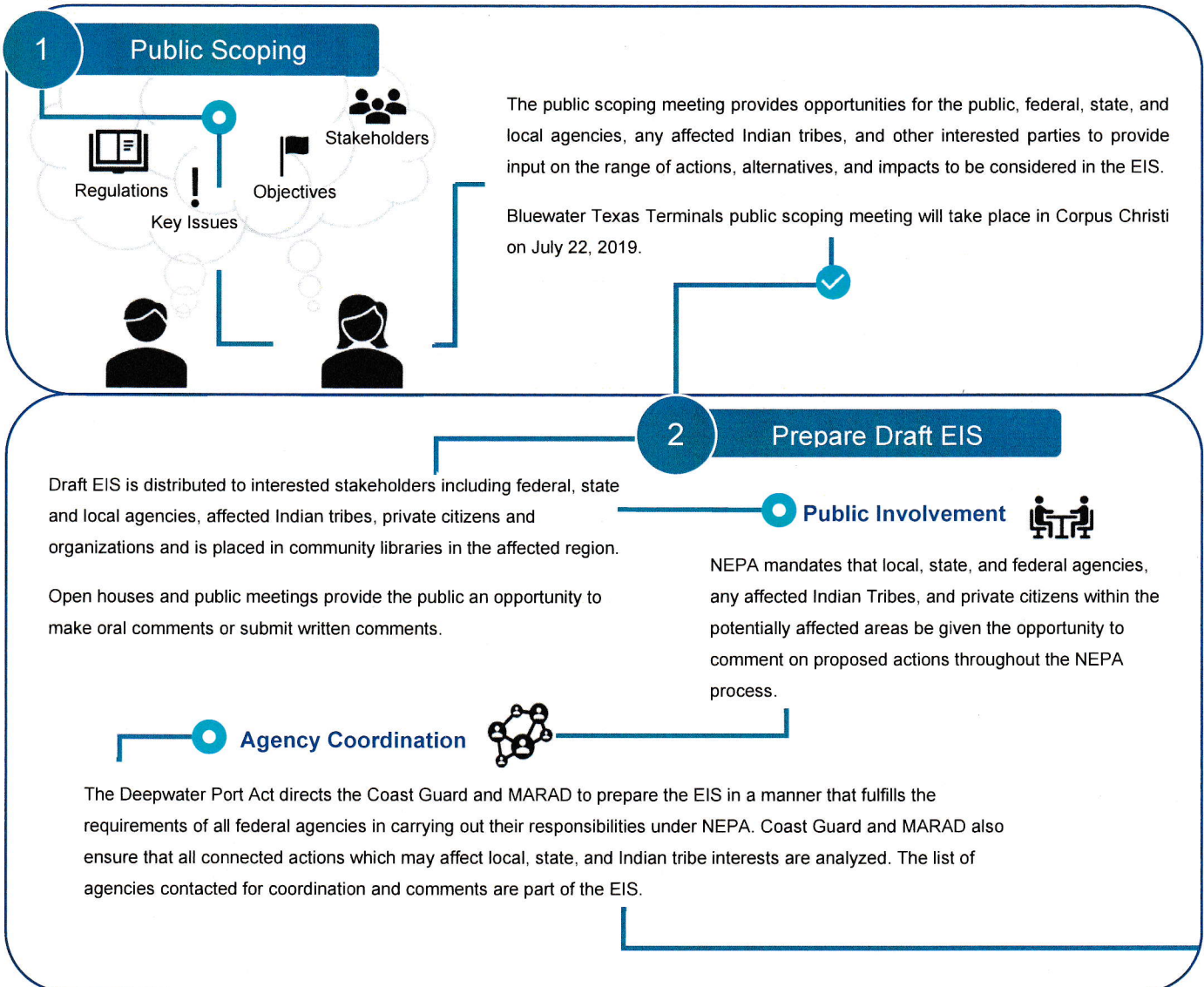
The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) was passed in 1969 and has two major objectives:

- 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





Deepwater Port Applications and the NEPA Process – Part II



Public Comment



Comments may be made verbally and/or in writing at the open house and public meetings or directly to the Federal Docket Management System.

The Federal Docket Management System at www.regulations.gov is a public record and includes, or will include the application, Draft and Final EISs, Federal Register notices, letters, consultations, public and agency comments, and other supporting information for The Proposed Project such as this open house material and meeting transcripts under Docket number MARAD-2019-0094.

There are several ways to provide comments:



Electronically (preferred method) through the Federal Docket

Management System (FDMS) Website: <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket number MARAD-2019-0094.



By mail to the Federal Docket Management Facility (MARAD-2019-0094),

**U.S. Department of Transportation
West Building, Ground Floor
Room W12-140
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590-0001**



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.



By fax to the Federal Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

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.



3

Prepare Final EIS

Final EIS includes copies of all comments and Coast Guard/MARAD responses

The Notice of Application (NOA) of the Final EIS will appear in the Federal Register and local newspapers

