

Coordinated Project Plans – Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) timelines

EIS steps for a Mandatory or Voluntary EIS

1. Identify challenging issues for the Coordinated Project Plan (CPP).
2. The Project Proposer requests CPP.
3. **Within 60-days of request for a CPP, the CPP is prepared. The CPP covers the scoping process through a final scoping decision.**
4. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) prepares a scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) and Draft Scoping Decision Document (DSDD).
5. The MPCA distributes the EAW and the DSDD for public comment.
6. The MPCA hosts a public scoping meeting.
7. The MPCA prepares a Final Scoping Decision Document (FSDD).
8. The MPCA issues the FSDD.
9. **Within 60-days of the FSDD, update the CPP to include the remainder of the EIS process.**
10. The MPCA issues an EIS preparation notice.
11. The MPCA drafts the EIS.
12. The MPCA distributes the draft EIS for public comment.
13. The MPCA holds an informational meeting.
14. The MPCA finalizes the EIS.
15. The MPCA distributes the final EIS for public comment.
16. The MPCA determines the adequacy of the final EIS.
17. The MPCA distributes an adequacy decision.

Note: CPP requires the decision on the adequacy of the EIS to be made no later than 4-years after the submittal data for the EAW is deemed complete by the agency.

EIS steps for a Discretionary EIS

1. The MPCA makes a positive EIS Need Decision for a project following the preparation of an EAW.
2. **Identify challenging issues for the CPP.**
3. **The Project Proposer requests a CPP.**
4. **Within 60-days of request for a CPP, the CPP is prepared. The CPP covers the scoping process through a final scoping decision.**
5. The MPCA hosts a public scoping meeting.

6. The MPCA prepares a Final Scoping Decision Document (FSDD).
7. The MPCA issues the FSDD.
- 8. Within 60-days of the FSDD, update the CPP to include the remainder of the EIS process.**
9. The MPCA issues an EIS preparation notice.
10. The MPCA drafts the EIS.
11. The MPCA distributes the draft EIS for public comment.
12. The MPCA holds an informational meeting.
13. The MPCA finalizes the EIS.
14. The MPCA distributes the final EIS for public comment.
15. The MPCA determines the adequacy of the final EIS.
16. The MPCA distributes an adequacy decision.

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