



FOUR CORNERS POWER PLANT AND NAVAJO MINE ENERGY PROJECT EIS

NEPA PROCESS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires federal agencies to consider how their proposed actions may impact the environment.

The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess potential environmental impacts of the proposed actions.

Public involvement is a fundamental part of developing an EIS. Your input will help OSM make a well-informed decision on the proposed actions.

NEPA PROCESS

MILESTONE	DESCRIPTION	ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE
Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS	The public involvement phase begins when the Notice of Intent is published in the Federal Register	July 18, 2012
Scoping Period/Scoping Meetings	Involves the public in identifying the environmental issues to be addressed in the EIS Opportunity for Public Review and Comment	July 18 – Sept. 17, 2012
Draft EIS	Presents the analysis of potential environmental impacts for the proposed actions	Fall 2013
Public Meetings and Comment Period	Provides 60 days for the public to comment on the analysis presented in the Draft EIS Opportunity for Public Review and Comment	Fall 2013
Final EIS	Updates the Draft EIS and includes responses to all public comments received during the public comment period	Summer 2014
30-Day Wait Period	Provides for a 30-day wait period after the Final EIS is published	Summer/Fall 2014
Record of Decision	Follows the 30-day wait period Documents the decision made by OSM	Fall 2014

- Complete
- In Progress
- Next Steps



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COOPERATING AGENCIES FOR THE EIS

COOPERATING AGENCIES ASSISTING IN DEVELOPMENT OF THE EIS



Cooperating Agencies and their Roles in this Project

AGENCY	ROLE
Bureau of Indian Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve or deny the Four Corners Power Plant Lease Amendment • Approve or deny renewal of rights-of-way for associated transmission lines • Approve or deny realignment of portions of Burnham Road
Navajo Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue biological opinion for tribally listed threatened and endangered species • Consult with OSM to identify, evaluate, and consider potential impacts to cultural and historic resources • Review and comment on the SMCRA permit application package • Issue Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certifications • Issue Clean Air Act Title V permit
Hopi Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue a biological opinion for tribally listed threatened and endangered species • Consult with OSM for potential impacts to cultural and historic resources
Bureau of Land Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue a decision on the Pinabete Mine Plan to ensure maximum economic recovery of coal
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that emissions from the Four Corners Power Plant comply with the Clean Air Act • Issue National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue a biological opinion for threatened and endangered species
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve or deny permit for fill in waters of the U.S. under the Clean Water Act
National Park Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review potential impacts to National Parks in the region