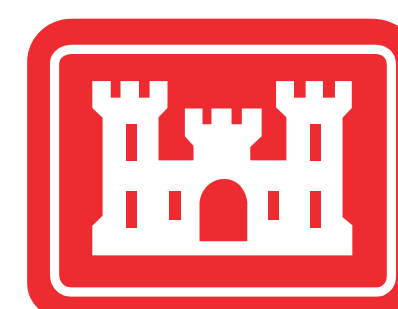


Applicable Laws and Regulations

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Section 404 of the Clean Water Act • Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 • Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (Section 408) • Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (Water Quality Certification) • National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) • Oil Pollution Act (Natural Resource Damage Assessment) • Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act • Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Essential Fish Habitat) • Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act • Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) • Section 9 of Rivers and Harbors Act (U.S. Coast Guard Bridge Permit) • Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act • Farmland Protection Policy Act • Louisiana Department of Natural Resources Coastal Use Permit (CUP) • Louisiana Office of State Lands Waterbottom Permit



NEPA Process Timeline

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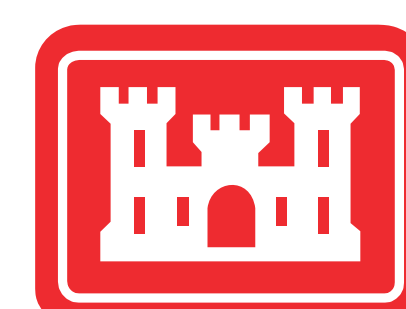
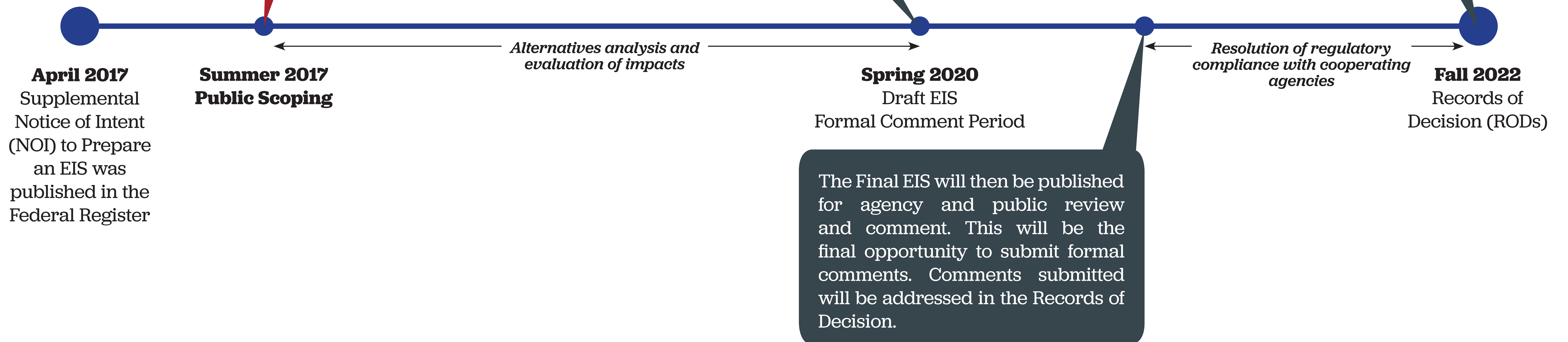
What Will Happen Next?

We Are Here

This is the earliest opportunity for the public to formally participate in the NEPA process. During the scoping process, public input is gathered to assist with the identification of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the EIS.

A public comment period with a public hearing will be held at this time. All comments received will be reviewed to determine whether revisions to the EIS are needed. In addition, responses to all comments will be included in the Final EIS.

There will be two USACE Records of Decision, one for the decision regarding whether to issue a permit and one for the decision regarding whether to issue a permission.



What is NEPA?

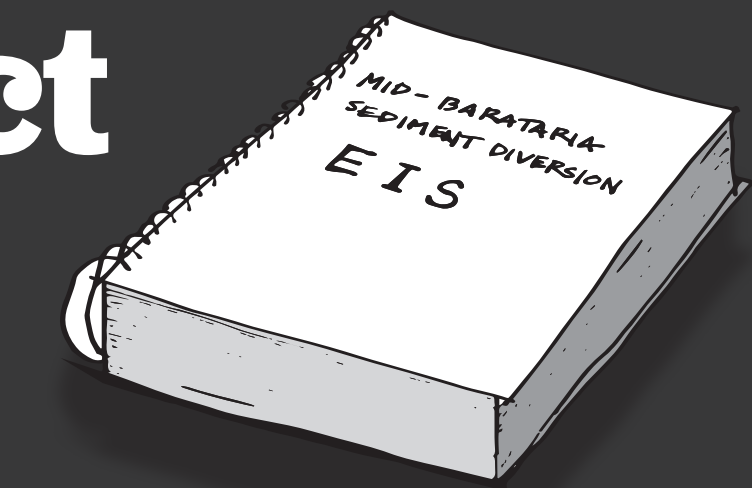
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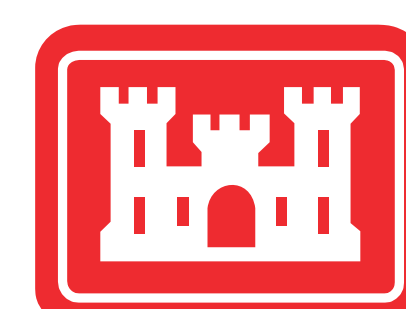
The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires all federal agencies to evaluate major federal actions* and inform decision makers and the public of the likely environmental consequences of proposed projects and federal actions and alternatives.

**The major federal action that triggered NEPA for the proposed MBSD Project is the USACE evaluation of the necessary permits (Sections 10/404) and permissions (Section 408).*

Environmental Impact Statement



A federal agency must prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) if a proposed project or major federal action could significantly affect the quality of the human environment. An EIS is a detailed study that analyzes the potential effects, both positive and negative, that a proposed project or federal action may have on the environment and local community.



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What Are Some Potential Issues?

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The following are some of the potential issues which will be addressed in the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion EIS.

MARINE MAMMALS



To what extent could the proposed MBSD Project impact marine mammals and their habitat?



SEDIMENTATION AND INUNDATION



If the proposed MBSD Project operates, will we see more sediment deposited in the Barataria Basin and less open water? Will property or adjacent areas be flooded when it operates?

AQUATIC SITES



Will special or rare aquatic sites such as sea grasses, essential fish habitat, or reefs be impacted by the proposed MBSD Project?

WATER QUALITY



How could the proposed MBSD Project potentially affect the drinking water sources or surface waters (e.g. salinity, turbidity, nutrients/eutrophication, and pesticides) in the area?

SOCIOECONOMICS/ ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE



Will the proposed MBSD Project impact the local economy? Are minority or low-income communities going to be impacted more than other communities?

HURRICANE RISK REDUCTION LEVEES



The proposed MBSD Project could impact two levees. Will they still function as intended and provide the same level of risk reduction during storm events?

SEA-LEVEL RISE/SUBSIDENCE



How could sea-level rise and subsidence affect the way the proposed MBSD Project functions or the success of the project?



FISHERIES (RECREATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL)



How could changes from the proposed MBSD Project impact fisheries resources (finfish and shellfish) used by commercial and recreational fishermen?

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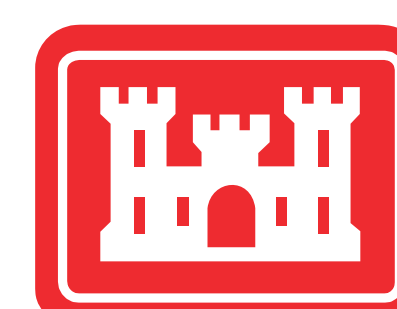


Will construction of the proposed MBSD Project cause any safety concerns for ship traffic on the Mississippi River or will operation of the Project change flow in the river that could impact ship traffic?

WETLAND HABITAT



Are wetlands in the Barataria Basin going to be helped (nourished and enhanced) or hurt (flooded) as a result of the proposed MBSD Project?



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Welcome

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Public Scoping Meeting

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers welcomes you to the
**Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion EIS
Public Scoping Meeting**

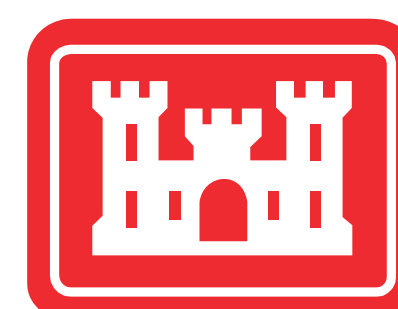
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We are here tonight to present information about the Corps' permit application and permission request review process.

We want to hear from you about the proposed Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion Project.

What are your comments, questions, and concerns?

Your involvement will assist us in making an informed decision. Thank you for your participation. For more information, please visit the project website at: www.mvn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Permits/Mid-Barataria-Sediment-Diversion-EIS/



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