

1 **SECTION 8.0**  
2 **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

3 **8.1 SCOPING**

4 A Notice of Intent to prepare a Draft Environment Impact Statement for a proposed highway  
5 between Bush, LA and I-12, in St. Tammany Parish was posted in the Federal Register (volume  
6 73, number 224) on November 19, 2008. Scoping for this project was initiated on December 22,  
7 2008, through placing advertisements and public notices with local media. A public scoping  
8 meeting was held at the Abita Springs Town Hall on January 22, 2009. All interested agencies,  
9 tribes, non-governmental organizations, and individuals were invited to attend to provide input  
10 into the scoping process, after which a 30-day scoping period was open for public comment  
11 submission. After the scoping period ended, a Scoping Report was prepared to summarize the  
12 comments provided by the public and agencies. The Scoping Report is provided in Appendix L.

13 **8.2 PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT EIS**

14 This draft EIS will be distributed for a 45-day public review and comment period. A public  
15 hearing specific to the proposed action will be held in September 2011 at the Abita Springs Town  
16 Hall during this review period. Any comments received during this public hearing will be  
17 considered part of official record. After the 45-day comment period, the CEMVN District  
18 Commander will review all comments received during the review period and make a  
19 determination if they rise to the level of being substantive in nature and provide responses when  
20 substantive issues are raised which have not been addressed in the final EIS. A Record of  
21 Decision will not be signed until 30 days after the notice of availability of the final EIS is  
22 published in the Federal Register.

23 **8.3 PROJECT WEBSITE**

24 At anytime during the EIS process, the public can access information regarding the I-12 to Bush  
25 EIS via the project website [www.i12tobush.com](http://www.i12tobush.com). Information on this website includes the  
26 Scoping Report, an electronic version of the Draft EIS, and public hearing details.

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