Select the Appropriate Level of NEPA Documentation

Proposal developed by
agency or external applicant

Yes ←

Exempt by legislation
or emergency

No

Internal agency scoping
(consistency and feasibility)

CATEGORICAL
EXCLUSION

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
(Significance not known
Help in agency planning)

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT
(Impacts significant)

Scoping

Public involvement
as practicable

Notice of Intent*

Analysis

Analysis

Scoping

Extraordinary
Circumstances
(Significance 1508.27))

Impacts significant? → Yes

Analysis

DEIS, Notice of
Availability

No

No

Comment period

Categorical Exclusion

FONSI

FEIS, Notice of Availibility

Exception

Record of Decision, appeal

Norify public

EIS, set a precedent,
floodplains, wetlands

Comment period
(25 days for CEQ
referral)

Comment period
concurrent with
appeal period

No

YES

Wait 30 days for
public review of FONSI

Record of
Decision

FONSI appropriate → No

Yes

Implement

Monitor if
appropriate

*Published by EPA in Federal Register