

*National Environmental
Policy Act (NEPA)*

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Picher, Oklahoma

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- Public exchange of information.
 - Problems, issues, potential alternatives
- Discuss the value of alternatives.
- Identify potential impacts.
- Include public comments.
- Federal, state and local review.
- Document of the NEPA coordination process.

Scoping Process

- Identify potential impacts and issues.
- Includes:
 - Participation of federal, state and local agencies, Native American Tribes, interested parties.
 - Determination of potential impacts and issues.
 - Identification of non-significant issues or those issues covered by prior review.

Scoping Process

- **Required by National Environmental Policy Act**
 - Participation with other agencies and the public.
- **Purpose: Solicit comments and questions on project alternatives and impacts**
- **Conducted throughout the documentation process.**

Public Notices

- Federal, state, local and tribal entities and public notified of the scoping period.
- Additional notices will be made for:
 - Comments on draft documents.
 - Additional public meetings.

Public Meetings and Open Houses

- Overall purpose: Listening and informing.
- Serve as a part of the scoping process under NEPA.
- Encourage public involvement throughout the planning process by engaging the public in two-way communication.