



Notice of Public Scoping (NOPS)

On May 17, 2004, a NOPS was issued to open the public scoping process and announce the City's intent to prepare an EIS. The NOPS also provides the location of the ten public scoping meetings and twenty public document repositories. This notice was published in the City Record and the Environmental Notice Bulletin 30 days before the first scoping meeting will be held and was published in numerous community based newspapers.¹

Scoping

An early and open process for determining the scope of environmental review and identifying the significant issues related to a proposed action. It provides members of the public with an opportunity to comment on the impacts to be evaluated in the EIS and the methodologies for analyzing those impacts set forth in the Draft Scoping Document. Copies of the Draft Scoping Document were mailed to the involved and interested parties, placed on the Department of Sanitation web site and made available at the public repositories.

Draft EIS

A draft document that discloses the results of the analysis of the environmental consequences of the proposed action. It will be supported by environmental studies and analyses.

Notice of Completion (NOC) for Draft EIS

A formal notice that will open the Draft EIS comment period and announce the completion of the Draft EIS. This notice will be published in the *City Record* and the *Environmental Notice Bulletin* at least 15 days before the Draft EIS public hearings. Copies of the Draft EIS report will be available at document repositories. The Draft EIS comment period will last for at least 60 days or 10 days after the Draft EIS public hearings, whichever is greater.²

Final EIS

The final document that will consider all issues that have been raised during the Draft EIS comment period and summarize the environmental consequences of the proposed action.

Notice of Completion (NOC) for Final EIS

A formal notice that will announce the completion of the Final EIS. The Final EIS will be published within 30 days after the Draft EIS hearings.

CEQR Findings Statement

This document will summarize the findings reached on the proposed action by the lead agency. It will be published between 10 and 30 days after the Final EIS is published.

^{1,2}In accordance with the provisions outlined in *New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Environmental Justice (EJ) and Permitting Policy Document*, dated March 2003, formal written notices will also be provided in readily available community-based newspapers. In addition, the DEIS comment period is extended from 30 days to at least 60 days to promote fair involvement of all people in NYSDEC's environmental-permitting process.