



Environmental Assessment KEY COMPONENTS

Environmental Consequences

Includes a detailed evaluation of the social and environmental impacts of the alternatives that are retained.

Preferred Alternative

Identifies an alternative that best balances the environmental impacts and costs with the ability to fulfill the project's purpose and need.

Alternatives Analysis

Is an evaluation of the preliminary alternatives using established evaluation criteria. Alternatives that are not reasonable, feasible, or do not meet the purpose and need are dismissed.

Affected Environment

Provides a description of the project area environs potentially affected by the alternatives.

Purpose and Need

Identifies the problems that the project is intended to address.

Scoping

Is an open coordination process with agencies and public to identify scope of issues to be addressed.

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