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EIS Assessment Guidelines



NEPA Guides the Environmental Impact Analysis Process

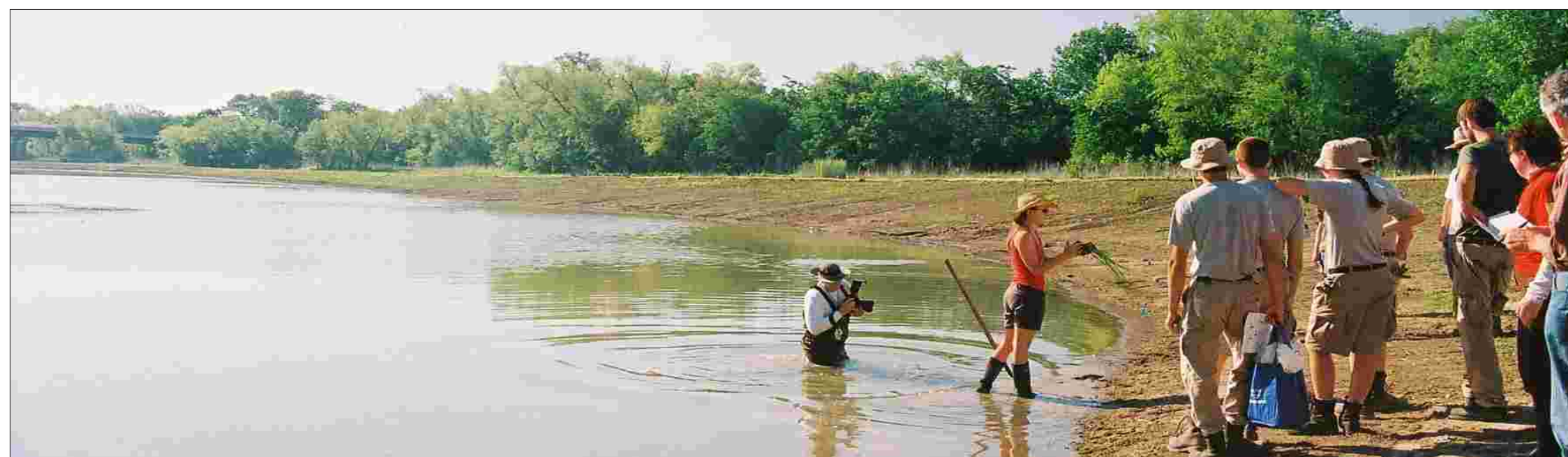
NEPA is the federal law that requires federal agencies to evaluate the potential environmental effects of proposed projects, and to inform and involve the public in the decision-making process.

The EIS will include sections describing the:

- ◆ Purpose and Need of the Project
- ◆ Action Alternatives
- ◆ Baseline Conditions
- ◆ Potential Environmental Effects

Types of Environmental Effects

- ◆ Direct Effects
- ◆ Indirect Effects
- ◆ Cumulative Effects
- ◆ Conflicts with land use plans, policies or controls
- ◆ Short-term use of the environment verses long-term productivity
- ◆ Irreversible or irretrievable commitment of resources



Impact Analysis Criteria

The USACE has identified a broad spectrum of general and project-specific criteria with which to analyze the potential impacts of the action alternatives. Example impact analysis criteria include:

- ◆ Institutional Criteria
 - NEPA
 - Council of Environmental Quality Regulations
 - USACE Engineering Regulation 200-2-2
 - National Historic Preservation Act
- ◆ Public Criteria
 - To Be Determined (please provide YOUR input!)
- ◆ Technical Criteria
 - Levee Stability
 - Flood Conveyance
- ◆ Scientific Criteria
 - Texas Endangered Species
 - North Central Texas Council of Governments Certification
 - Environmental Responsibility

Project Authority

Section 5141 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 provides authorization for the BVP and IDP projects. The USACE is the action proponent for this EIS. The City of Dallas is a non-federal sponsor for the EIS. Projects would use a combination of funding from the federal government, City of Dallas, other government agencies, groups, and individuals.

USACE Core Environmental Operating Principles (EOPs)

The USACE uses the following EOPs in its planning, coordination and project implementation efforts.

- ◆ Environmental Sustainability
- ◆ Understand Interdependence
- ◆ Seek Balance
- ◆ Accept Responsibility
- ◆ Build Awareness

In incorporating these principals into this project, the USACE and project stakeholders can work together to ensure proposed projects maximize the “public good” and minimize recognized negative impacts.

For more information, please visit the project website at: www.dallasfloodwayprojecteis.com