

**4410.2600 DRAFT EIS.**

Subpart 1. **Preparation.** A draft EIS shall be prepared consistent with parts 4410.0200 to 4410.6500 and in accord with the scoping determination.

Subp. 2. **Review and comment; informational meeting.** When the draft EIS is completed, the RGU shall make the draft EIS available for public review and comment and shall hold an informational meeting in the county where the project is proposed.

Subp. 3. **Distribution of draft.** The entire draft EIS with appendixes shall be provided to:

A. any governmental unit which has authority to permit or approve the proposed project, to the extent known;

B. the proposer of the project;

C. the EQB and EQB staff;

D. the Environmental Conservation Library;

E. the Legislative Reference Library;

F. the Regional Development Commission and Regional Development Library;

G. a public library or public place where the draft will be available for public review in each county where the project will take place, to the extent known; and

H. to the extent possible, to any person requesting the entire EIS.

Subp. 4. **Distribution of summary.** The summary of the draft EIS shall be provided to all members of the EAW distribution list that do not receive the entire draft EIS; any person that submitted substantive comments on the EAW that does not receive the entire draft EIS; and any person requesting the summary.

Subp. 5. **Notice to publish in EQB Monitor.** The copy provided to the EQB staff shall serve as notification to publish notice of availability of the draft EIS in the EQB Monitor.

Subp. 6. **Press release.** The RGU shall supply a press release to at least one newspaper of general circulation within the area where the project is proposed.

Subp. 7. **Contents of published notices.** The notice of availability in the EQB Monitor and the press release shall contain notice of the date, time, and place of the informational meeting, notice of the location of the copy of the draft EIS available for public review, and notice of the date of termination of the comment period.

Subp. 8. **Time of meeting; transcript.** The informational meeting must be held not less than 15 days after publication of the notice of availability in the EQB Monitor. A typewritten or audio-recorded transcript of the meeting shall be made.

Subp. 9. **Public comment.** The record shall remain open for public comment not less than ten days after the last date of the informational meeting. Written comments on the draft EIS may be submitted any time during the comment period.

Subp. 10. **RGU's response.** The RGU shall respond to the timely substantive comments received on the draft EIS and prepare the final EIS.

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