

NEPA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires federal agencies to undertake an assessment of the potential environmental effects of their proposed actions and possible mitigation measures prior to making decisions. Two major purposes of the NEPA environmental review process are:

1. Citizen involvement
2. Better informed decisions

The following flowchart shows the key points within the NEPA process. For more information, check out *A Citizen's Guide to the NEPA* at http://ceq.hss.doe.gov/nepa/Citizens_Guide_Dec07.pdf.

