

Project NEPA/SEPA Strategy Checklist

Fill out this form to help develop a project NEPA/SEPA strategy, including a reasonable scope, schedule, and budget for environmental documentation. Revisit this checklist as new information is available so changes can be made as appropriate. **For EAs and EISs, complete this form before scheduling a NEPA strategy meeting with the ESO NEPA specialist.**

Project Title: _____ Today's Date: _____
Region/Mode: _____ REC Name: _____ Location: (SR/MP) _____
Project Cost: _____ Fed Funds (Y/N) _____ Proposed NEPA Doc Completion Date: _____
Initial Env. Classification: CE* ☐ SEPA Checklist** ☐ EA ☐ EIS ☐ AD Date: _____

Topics for Discussion at ESO/REC NEPA Strategy Meeting

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| ☐ Project description/logical termini (REC) | ☐ Identify likely Federal actions, permits, approvals (REC) |
| ☐ Discuss schedule (REC) | ☐ Anticipated Discipline Reports (<i>Table 1</i>) (REC) |
| ☐ Discuss WSDOT roles and responsibilities | ☐ Recent changes in NEPA/SEPA Policies and Procedures (ESO) |
| ☐ Confirm NEPA/SEPA class of action (REC) | ☐ Previous Commitments Identified (REC) |
| ☐ Confirm Federal Lead/Co-Lead (REC/ESO) | ☐ Community/Political Issues & Risk (REC) |
| ☐ Discuss likely Cooperating/ Participating Agencies (REC/ESO) | |
| ☐ Right Sizing Analysis (<i>Table 1</i>) (REC/ESO) | |

*A CE does not require ESO NEPA Specialist involvement/review unless unusual circumstances arise, a class of action review is required, or other assistance is requested.

**SEPA requires compliance with [WAC 197-11-444](#). Discuss any projects that are not SEPA exempt with ESO.

TABLE 1. Initial risk assessment (pre-scoping)

Please provide initial thoughts on relative reasonably foreseeable effect(s) to each discipline to facilitate a "right-sizing" discussion. Refer to [Task Guidance: Discipline Reports](#) for more details on determining what discipline reports are needed.

Remember to consider unusual circumstances (e.g., public controversy, community or political issues, right-of-way impacts) that may affect the project. Attach notes on each discipline to facilitate discussions with subject matter experts and the HQ [NEPA/SEPA Program](#) as needed. Additional tables may be helpful for projects with multiple alternatives or design options.

Discipline	High	Med	Low	Discipline	High	Med	Low
Air quality	☐	☐	☐	Noise	☐	☐	☐
Fish/Wildlife/Vegetation	☐	☐	☐	Hazardous Materials	☐	☐	☐
Stormwater/water quality*	☐	☐	☐	Land Use	☐	☐	☐
Wetlands and other waters	☐	☐	☐	Transportation	☐	☐	☐
Flood Hazard Areas	☐	☐	☐	Cultural Resources	☐	☐	☐
Earth (Geology/Soils)	☐	☐	☐	Section 4(f)	☐	☐	☐
Energy (greenhouse gases*)	☐	☐	☐	Section 6(f)	☐	☐	☐
Other (e.g. climate)*	☐	☐	☐	Social and Community (incl. Public Services/Utilities)	☐	☐	☐

*Other disciplines as required by [WAC 197-11-444](#), [WAC 197-11-792](#), and [WAC 173-441](#). Contact the [NEPA/SEPA Program](#).