

# The SEPA EIS Process

An environmental impact statement (EIS) is prepared when the lead agency has determined that a proposal is likely to result in significant adverse environmental impacts.

Prepare Scoping Document (Optional)

Prepare Supporting Discipline Reports As Necessary

**Scoping**  
Scoping provides notice to the public, tribes, and other agencies that an EIS is being prepared, initiates their involvement in the process, and allows them to identify which issues are relevant for the EIS.

**DEIS**  
Draft version of an Environmental Impact Statement

**FEIS**  
Final Version of an Environmental Impact Statement

Determine EIS is Needed (Determination of Significance)

Issue Scoping Notice

Identify Alternatives and Environmental Elements

Prepare / Issue Draft EIS (DEIS)

Invite Public, Tribal and Agency Comment

Revise DEIS into Final EIS (FEIS)  
Select Preferred Alternative

Distribute FEIS

Issue Notice of Action

## **What elements of the Built Environment should Snohomish County Scope for the Point Wells Project?**



### **Potential Scoping Elements:**

- ◆ **Transportation**
- ◆ **Land Use**
- ◆ **Relocation**
- ◆ **Neighborhoods**
- ◆ **Public Services and Utilities**
- ◆ **Recreation**
- ◆ **Environmental Justice**
- ◆ **Pedestrian and Bicyclist Facilities**
- ◆ **Economics**
- ◆ **Cultural Resources**
- ◆ **Visual Quality**
- ◆ **Hazardous Waste**
- ◆ **Noise**

## **What Elements of the Natural Environment should Snohomish County Scope for the Point Wells project?**



## **Potential Scoping Elements:**

- ◆ **Geology and Soils**
- ◆ **Surface Water**
- ◆ **Groundwater**
- ◆ **Water Quality**
- ◆ **Wetlands**
- ◆ **Floodplains**
- ◆ **Wildlife, Fish, and Vegetation**
- ◆ **Threatened & Endangered Species**
- ◆ **Air Quality**
- ◆ **Energy**

# Developing Mitigation Measures

The EIS should identify possible mitigation measures that will reduce or eliminate the adverse environmental impacts of a proposed action. Specific mitigation measures should be developed following a sequential order - First attempting to avoid the impact, and lastly compensating for the impact.



**1. Avoid**

**2. Minimize**

**3. Restore**

**4. Reduce Over Time**

**5. Compensate**