

EIA Process



- Step 1: Initiate Project
 - present idea for project
 - decide what type of EIA must occur
- Step 2: Identify Issues
 - gather information from all parties
 - Government
 - Community
 - Developer
- Step 3: Develop Alternatives
 - consider all alternatives
 - design technologies to reduce impact
 - ‘do nothing’: options
- Step 4: Predict Impacts
 - positive impacts
 - negative impacts
- Step 5: Analyze Impacts
 - determine best solution
- Step 6: Report Findings
 - formal report: Environmental Impact Statement
- Step 7: Make a Decision
 - decision usually made by some level of government
- Step 8: Monitoring
 - project must be monitored to evaluate success of EIA, and to determine if changes need to be made to either the project or future proposals