



EIS = Environmental Impact Statement

The purpose of an EIS is to provide information to evaluate proposed projects which have the potential for significant environmental effects, to consider alternatives to the proposed project, and to explore methods for reducing adverse environmental effects.

Minnesota Rules 4410.2000

EIS Scoping Process

Used before preparation of an EIS to reduce the scope and bulk of an EIS, identify only those potentially significant issues relevant to the proposed project, define the form, level of detail, content, alternatives, time table for preparation, and preparers of the EIS, and to determine the permits for which information will be developed concurrently with the EIS.

Minnesota Rules 4410.2100

- EIS Scoping Process**
- Proposer submits scoping cost payment.
 - Public scoping meeting is held (April 7, 2009)
 - Agencies and public may submit comments.
 - Final scoping decision must be made within 15 days of meeting (April 21, 2009)

- Draft Scoping Decision Document**
- I. Introduction and Purpose
 - II. Project Alternatives
 - III. EIS Issues
 - IV. Identification of Phased or Connected Actions (none)
 - V. EIS Schedule
 - VI. Special Studies or Research
 - VII. Governmental Permits or Approvals

- II. Project Alternatives**
1. Applicant's Preferred Alternative
 2. No-Build Alternative
- Scale of Magnitude Alternatives*
3. No Asphalt and Concrete Recycling
 4. Evaluate Impacts of Washing
 5. Impacts and Seasonal Scheduling of Processing
 6. Revised Reclamation Schedule

III. EIS Issues

- EAW Items Screened and Removed from Further Review
 - Water surface use (Item 15) –impacts to boating and recreational use
 - Water quality: wastewaters (Item 18)—impacts to municipal or on-site sewage treatment systems
 - Vehicle-related air emissions (Item 22)
 - Archaeological, historical or architectural resources (Item 25a)
 - Prime or unique farmlands (Item 25b)
 - Impact on infrastructure and public services (Item 28)

Topics to be included in EIS:

- *Item 9—Land Use/Potential Environmental Hazards/Reclamation Plan*
- *Item 10—Cover Types*
- *Item 11—including 11a—Fish, Wildlife, and Ecologically-Sensitive Resources and Item 11b—Threatened and Endangered Species*
- *Item 12—Physical Impacts on Water Resources*
- *Item 13—Water Use*
- *Item 14—Water-Related Land Use Management Districts*
- *Item 16—Erosion and Sedimentation*

Topics to be included in EIS:

- *Item 17—Surface Water Quality and Quantity*
- *Item 19—Geologic Hazards and Soil Conditions*
- *Item 20b and c—Solid Waste, Hazardous Waste, Storage Tanks*
- *Item 21—Traffic*
- *Item 23—Stationary Source Air Emissions*
- *Item 24—Odors, Noise and Dust*
- *Item 26—Visual Impacts*
- *Item 27—Compatibility with Plans and Land Use Regulations*
- *Item 29—Cumulative Impacts*

EIS Schedule

March 23, 2009	Record of Decision and Positive Declaration for EIS for Zavoral Mine and Reclamation Project published in EQB Monitor
April 7, 2009	Public Scoping Meeting
April 21, 2009	Final Scoping Decision
May-Oct., 2009	Draft EIS preparation
Nov-Dec., 2009	Draft EIS Comment Period and Public Meeting
Jan.-March, 2010	Final EIS Preparation
April, 2010	Final EIS Adequacy Determination

Next Steps:

- Receive public comment on draft scoping decision document (April 7)
- Council approval of final scoping decision (April 21)
- Proposer pays not less than half EIS cost to City
- Publish EIS preparation notice and summary of scoping decision
- Consultant selection
- Preparation of EIS

Amendments to Scoping Decision

- Scoping decision may be amended
- Proposer must agree, unless:
 - substantial changes are made in project that affect the potential environmental effects
 - substantial new information significantly affects potential effects of the project or the availability of prudent and feasible alternatives.

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