

NEPA STREAMLINING TIPS

Sample Page Budget for Initial Planning

| Chapter/Section See CFR 40 1502.10 | Simple EIS: Number of Pages | Complex EIS: Number of Pages | IN: Concepts/text to keep | OUT: Move to a reference document or appendix | OUT: Eliminate |
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| Summary* | 7 | 12 | Conclusions, areas of controversy, issues to resolve | Scoping info | |
| Table of Contents | 6 | 10 | | | Numerous levels of subheadings |
| Purpose and Need for Action* | 2 | 4 | What the action is to accomplish and why | Background | Regulatory framework, impacting factors |
| Proposed Action and Alternatives* | 15 | 30 | Describe proposed action, include built-in mitigation, reasonable alternatives, and possible mitigation | Alts, issues, mitigations not analyzed (put in scoping report) | |
| Affected Environment* | 38 | 80 | Potentially significantly affected environment, relevant to decision | Highly detailed, descriptive information | |
| Environmental Consequences and possible mitigation not included in the Proposed Action* | 88 | 174 | | Detailed scenario and methodology | |
| Consultation and Coordination | 3 | 8 | Cooperating agencies scoping, meeting locations, EIS recipients | Dates, places, commenters to scoping report | Consultation correspondence |
| List of Preparers | 1 | 2 | Names, titles, areas of responsibility, years of experience | | Published work |
| Index | 2 | 5 | Technical terms | | |
| Appendices (if any) | 150 | 300 | Details integral to the EIS analyses | | If details can be found in other reference document or information not integral to EIS analyses |
| Total (* sections above) | 150 | 300 | | | |



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