

National Environmental Policy Act

Tier 2 Site-Specific EA

Louisiana State University
Academic Medical Center

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- Procedural Law
- Informed Decision-Making
- Public Involvement

NEPA Tiered Analysis

- Staged approach to NEPA
- Council on Environmental Quality Regulations
- Tier 1 addresses broad decisions
- Tier 2 analyzes site-specific proposals and impacts

Tier 1 NEPA Process

- Site Selection
- Alternatives
- Programmatic EA for Site Selection for the VA Medical Center and the LSU AMC

Tier 1 Public Involvement

- Five Public Meetings
 - June 26, 2008 (2 meetings)
 - July 17, 2008
 - August 11, 2008
 - October 28, 2008

Tier 2 NEPA Process

- Design, Construction, and Operation
- Alternatives
- Site-Specific EA of the Design, Construction, and Operation of the proposed LSU AMC

Elements to be Assessed

- Design of the facilities, including utility connections
- Staging of construction equipment
- Site grading
- Enhancement of utilities
- Changes to transportation systems
- Construction of facilities
- Landscaping
- Operation of facilities

Resources to be Assessed for Impacts

- Aesthetics, Visual Quality, Wind, and Light and Glare
- Helicopter Operations and Public Safety
- Air Quality
- Archaeology
- Coastal Zone Consistency
- Flood Zone
- Hazardous and Biomedical Waste
- Land Use and Green Space
- Noise and Vibration
- Transportation and Traffic

Tier 2 Public Involvement

- Project scoping
- Project website
- Draft Environmental Assessment

An Opportunity for Input

- Your opportunity to give input on the:
 - Design Alternatives
 - Resources to be evaluated
- Comment can also be in writing at:
 - www.lsuamc.com
 - mailed to the address on your comment sheet