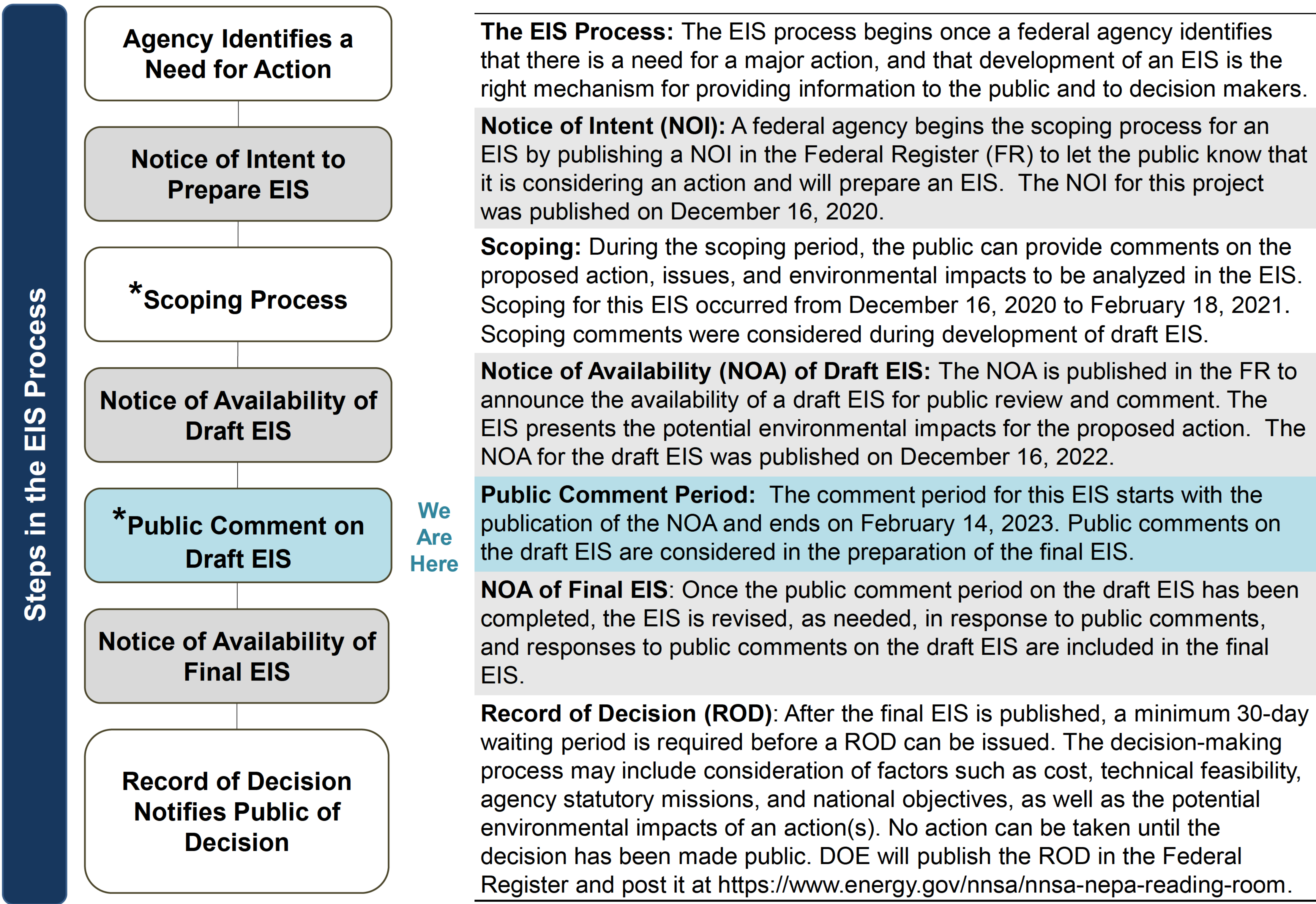




SURPLUS PLUTONIUM DISPOSITION PROGRAM: WHAT IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT?

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires federal agencies to conduct an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for major actions that could have significant impacts on the environment.



Under NEPA, “environment” includes the natural and physical environment such as:

- Air
- Water
- Geology
- Ecology
- Protected species

As well as people’s relationship with the environment such as:

- Human health
- Noise
- Socioeconomics, including regional economy, housing and traffic
- Visual resources
- Infrastructure
- Waste management
- Transportation
- Cultural resources

*Opportunity for Public Participation