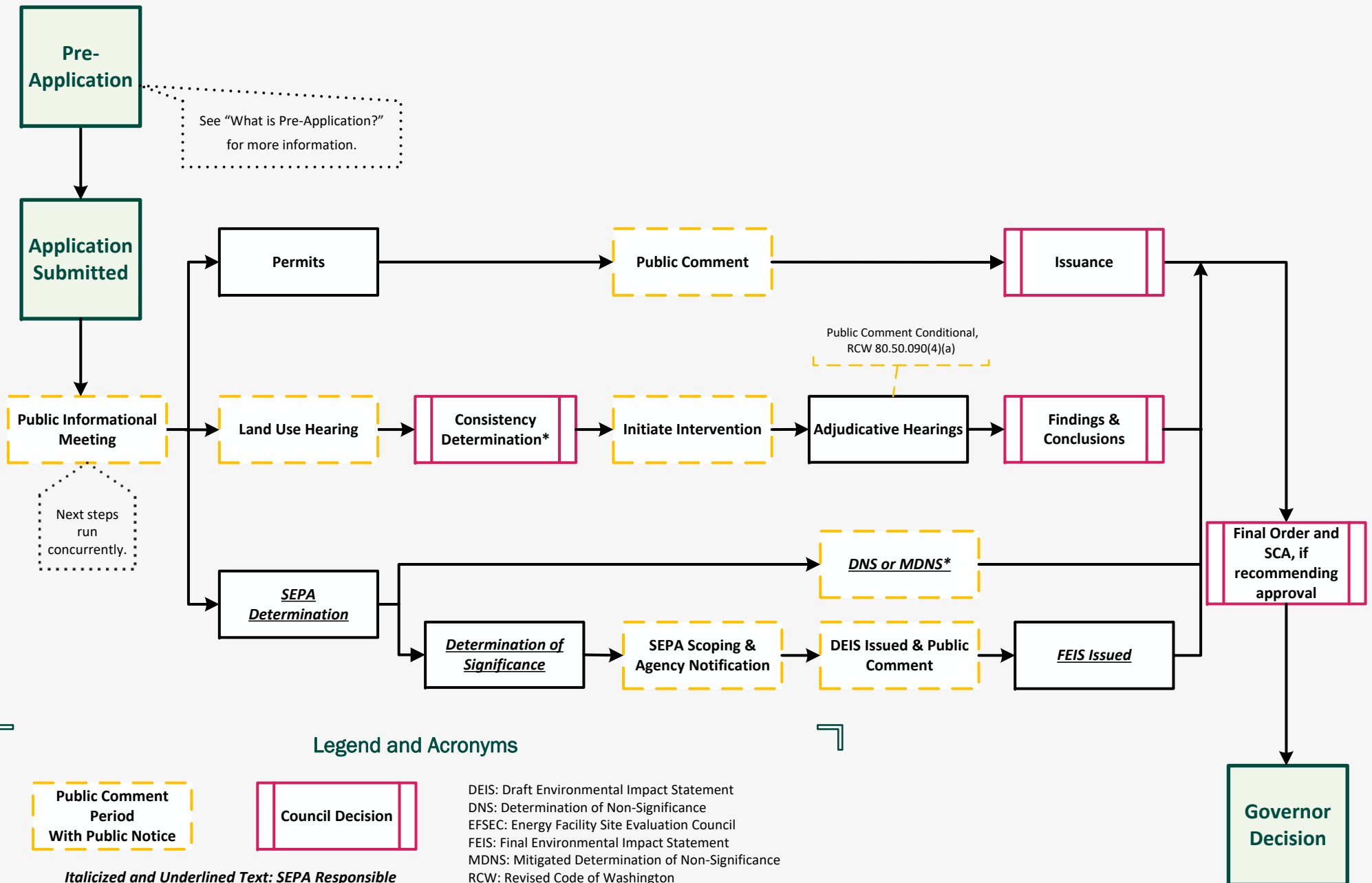


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## Legend and Acronyms

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Council Decision

*Italicized and Underlined Text: SEPA Responsible Official Decision*

\*Asterisk: May be eligible for Expedited Process

DEIS: Draft Environmental Impact Statement  
 DNS: Determination of Non-Significance  
 EFSEC: Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council  
 FEIS: Final Environmental Impact Statement  
 MDNS: Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance  
 RCW: Revised Code of Washington  
 SCA: Site Certification Agreement  
 SEPA: State Environmental Policy Act

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## What is Pre-Application?

The Pre-Application phase enables an honest exchange of information and data early in the project planning process. Typically, this conversation is with EFSEC and a developer, but may include others. This ongoing conversation can help developers avoid unnecessary delays and expenditures. By identifying information gaps early in the planning process many potential issues can be addressed with minimal financial impact. However, if those issues are not identified until later, they may result in:

- Lengthy delays to conduct additional seasonally dependent studies.
- Extensive project re-design.
- High costs for remediations of problems that could have been avoidable.
- The need to switch or relocate the site.
- Project abandonment.

The goal of Pre-Application is to assist in avoiding negative outcomes by ensuring the right people with the right information are around the table early on. These Pre-Application discussions allow for collaboration to identify what issues need attention if a project has a better chance of success.

The initial conversation helps in identifying stakeholders and how to include their perspectives. On-going dialogues will help to pinpoint gaps - what additional data or research is needed, and what studies can be done to produce that data.

When the iterative pre-application process is done correctly it will lead to a more complete formal application that will be ready for regulatory review.

