

STEP 1

Determine if the project-specific application fits the definition of a **transmission facility**¹ analyzed within the prescribed Study Area² of this Programmatic EIS.

NO
Follow applicable SEPA environmental review and permitting processes.
The SEPA Lead Agency would conduct an environmental review in accordance with Chapter 43.21C RCW and Chapter 197-11 WAC for the project-specific application and make a SEPA Threshold Determination.
Regarding this Programmatic EIS, the SEPA Lead Agency could **INCORPORATE BY REFERENCE**.

STEP 2

YES | Would the project-specific application have a federal nexus?
YES
Federal environmental review processes (e.g., NEPA) apply, which would include coordination with EFSEC for environmental review.
Regarding this Programmatic EIS, the SEPA Lead Agency could:
– Adopt the NEPA document as part of their SEPA environmental review process and documentation. **Proceed to Step 3.**
– Incorporate the NEPA document by reference and complete a separate SEPA analysis. **Proceed to Step 3.**

STEP 3

NO
STEP 3.1
Does the project comply with all state, federal, and local regulations³?

YES
STEP 3.2
Are design considerations and BMPs³ accounted for in the design of the project-specific application?

YES
STEP 3.3
Would the project comply with the identified **general conditions**⁴ within this Programmatic EIS?

YES
STEP 3.4
Does the project comply with the identified **avoidance criteria**⁵ within this Programmatic EIS?

YES
STEP 3.5
Are all probable significant adverse environmental impacts of the project identified and analyzed in this Programmatic EIS?

YES
STEP 3.6
Has the applicant committed to the **mitigation**⁷ **measures**³ identified within this Programmatic EIS associated with moderate or high impacts?

YES | **Proceed to Step 4.**

NO | This Programmatic EIS did not analyze this scenario.
THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED:
– **APP** Identify the regulations that cannot be followed and provide an explanation.
– **SLA** Complete additional environmental review and identify mitigation.^{3,7}
Proceed to Step 3.2.

NO | This Programmatic EIS did not analyze this scenario.
THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED:
– **APP** Identify the design considerations and BMPs³ that are not proposed as part of the project-specific application and provide an explanation.
– **SLA** Complete additional environmental review and identify mitigation.^{3,7}
Proceed to Step 3.3.

NO | This Programmatic EIS did not analyze this scenario.
THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED:
– **APP** Identify the general conditions that are not complied with and provide an explanation.
– **SLA** Complete additional environmental review and identify mitigation.^{3,7}
Proceed to Step 3.4.

NO | This Programmatic EIS did not analyze this scenario.
THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED:
– **APP** Identify avoidance criteria that are not complied with and provide an explanation.
– **SLA** Complete additional environmental review and identify mitigation.^{3,7}
Proceed to Step 3.5.

NO | This Programmatic EIS did not analyze this scenario.
THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED:
– **SLA** Identify and complete additional environmental review for probable significant adverse environmental impacts not analyzed in this Programmatic EIS and identify mitigation.^{3,7}
Proceed to Step 3.6.

NO | This Programmatic EIS did not analyze this scenario.
THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED:
– **APP** Identify the mitigation⁷ measures³ that are not proposed as part of the project and provide an explanation.
– **SLA** Complete additional environmental review and identify mitigation.^{3,7}
Proceed to Step 4.

STEP 4⁶

The **SLA** has the responsibility to determine the appropriate level and type of environmental review for each project-specific application:

STEP 4.1

ADOPT the Programmatic EIS without the need for an addendum or supplemental analysis. This indicates that there are no additional project-specific details or analyses of impacts that should be recorded in the SEPA documentation.

OR

STEP 4.2

PREPARE AN ADDENDUM, in addition to adopting the Programmatic EIS, that adds analyses or information about the project but does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts and alternatives addressed in this Programmatic EIS.

OR

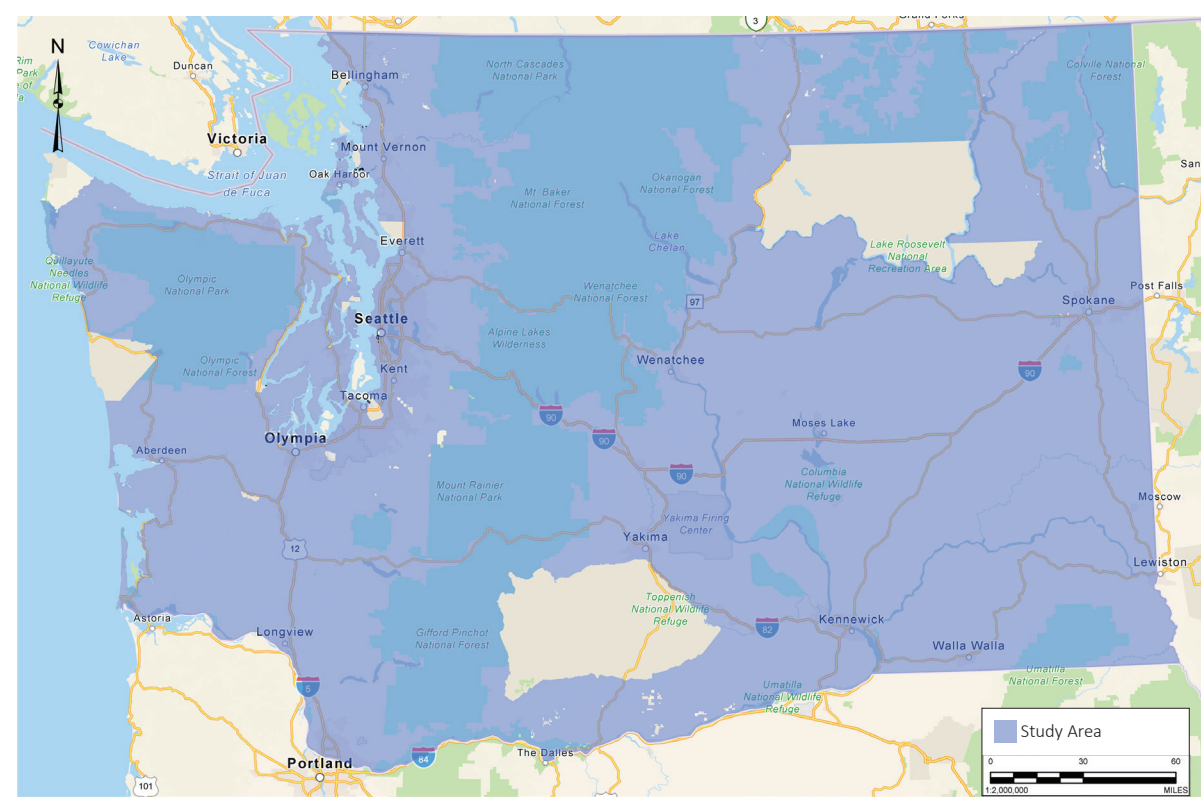
STEP 4.3

PREPARE A SUPPLEMENTAL EIS, in addition to adopting the Programmatic EIS, that adds new analyses or information related to probable significant adverse environmental impacts of the project that have not been addressed in this Programmatic EIS. This may include project-specific impacts that were not identified in this Programmatic EIS or that were identified in this Programmatic EIS, but are determined by the SEPA Lead Agency through project-specific environmental review to have been insufficiently evaluated.

OR

STEP 4.4

INCORPORATE BY REFERENCE if the intent is for the SEPA Lead Agency to produce a full, distinct project-specific EIS.



REFERENCES

<p>SLA Responsibility of SEPA Lead Agency</p> <p>APP Responsibility of Applicant</p> <p>BMP Best Management Practice</p> <p>EIS Environmental Impact Statement</p> <p>kV Kilovolt</p> <p>NEPA National Environmental Policy Act</p> <p>RCW Revised Code of Washington</p> <p>SEPA State Environmental Policy Act</p> <p>WAC Washington Administrative Code</p>	<p>1 The construction, operation and maintenance, and upgrade or modification of electrical transmission facilities with a nominal voltage of 230kV or greater.</p> <p>2 For the purposes of this Draft Programmatic EIS, Tribal lands and undersea cables are not included in the Study Area.</p> <p>3 As applicable to project-specific applications.</p> <p>4 As used in this Draft Programmatic EIS, a measure that provides a consistent baseline for evaluating the potential impacts of project-specific applications for transmission facility development.</p>	<p>5 Criteria that, when implemented, would narrow the scope of the project-specific environmental review. These broad mitigation measures would be anticipated to avoid otherwise significant impacts for project-specific applications.</p> <p>6 If all environmental mitigation strategies from this Programmatic EIS have been implemented then mitigation would be deemed sufficient for all probable significant adverse environmental impacts addressed in this Programmatic EIS.</p> <p>7 A specific step or action taken to address impacts of project development or action.</p>
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