

Your Input Matters



The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is proposing to develop a new National Wildlife Health Center (NWHC) facility on the grounds of the present NWHC in Madison, Wisconsin.

Why is a new facility needed?

The NWHC, established in 1975, is a biomedical laboratory dedicated to assessing the impact of disease on wildlife and plays a crucial role in wildlife disease detection, control, and prevention in the United States.

However, an increasing challenge to NWHC operation is the age and space limitations of the present center, including crowded laboratories and administrative areas, inefficient use of space, aging infrastructure, and increasing costs associated with operation and maintenance. Developing a new NWHC is necessary to meet contemporary standards and practices.



Due to the potential impact on the environment, USGS is preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The NEPA process allows for public input during public scoping and after the publication of the Draft EIS.

As a valued member of our community, we want to keep you informed about updates regarding the proposed new facility.



Recent Community Engagement and Public Scoping Meetings:

Thank you to the community members who attended the recent in-person public scoping meeting on September 21, 2023, at Vel Philips Memorial High School, and the virtual scoping meeting on September 28, 2023.

These meetings provided an opportunity to share details about the proposed new facility, answer the community's questions and gather input.



Not able to attend? View the virtual public meeting recording and review meeting materials online.



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Submit Your Comments:

During the 45-day scoping period, we encourage agencies, organizations, and the public to provide valuable input on potentially affected resources and environmental considerations.

We kindly request scoping comments by **Friday, October 20, 2023**, to ensure full consideration in the Draft EIS. Submit directly through the website using the Comment Form, email, or write to us.



Online

Use the form on our website to submit comments

[Comment Form](#)



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Check out the EIS website for all of your project needs.

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