



# Thank You for Your Feedback!



**Conceptual rendering of proposed NWHC Credit: USGS.**

**The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) thanks you for your feedback on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the development of an updated facility for the NWHC.**

## Feedback Gathered on the Draft EIS

The Draft EIS was published on the [project website](#) on June 14, 2024, coinciding with publication of the Notice of Availability (NOA) in the Federal Register and local newspapers, such as The Wisconsin State Journal and The Capital Times. This started the official 45-day comment period, which concluded on July 29, 2024. During the comment period, agencies, organizations and the public provided feedback on the Draft EIS document that will be considered in the Final EIS.

To share the news about the Draft EIS comment period, the USGS team attended a Community Dinner at the Lussier Community Education Center, in Madison, Wisconsin, on June 7, 2024. Over 40 attendees were provided Fact Sheets about the project and flyers announcing upcoming public meetings. These flyers were also distributed to 20 businesses, libraries, and community centers in the neighborhoods surrounding the NWHC to encourage comments and attendance at the events.



The USGS team shared information about upcoming public meetings at the Lussier Community Dinner on June 7, 2024.



On July 18, the USGS hosted two public meetings to share information about the proposed action, the Draft EIS, and methods by which members of the community could provide feedback. The first was a virtual meeting from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., followed by an in-person event at the Lussier Community Education Center from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. A recording of the virtual public meeting is available on the [project website](#).



**The community learned more about the Draft EIS and provided comments at the in-person public meeting on July 18, 2024.**

## Next Steps

The next phase of the EIS process is revision of the EIS based on feedback received during the comment period. The Final EIS, including responses to agency and public comments on the Draft EIS, will be published for a 30-day public comment period to allow interested parties to provide additional comments for consideration. Notices of availability of the Final EIS will be published in the Federal Register and local newspapers in advance of its release in Winter 2024-2025.



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