

The National Wildlife
Health Center (NWHC)
was established in 1975 in
Madison, Wisconsin as the
first biomedical laboratory
dedicated to assessing
the impact of disease on
wildlife. It remains the only
national center devoted to
wildlife disease detection,
control, and prevention in
the United States.



Proposed Action and Preferred Alternative: The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is proposing to develop an updated facility for NWHC to meet the agency's current and future needs. The USGS's preferred alternative is to replace the existing, outdated facility with a new facility on the NWHC property. A new NWHC will:



Streamline delivery of research



for worker and public safety with modern equipment



Manage costs through more efficient operations



Environmental Impact Process

To thoroughly understand the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action, the USGS is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

This comprehensive document will be made available for public review twice during the NEPA process. No action will be taken until the public review periods are completed and USGS issues a Record of Decision.

Draft EIS Published 45-day Public Comment Period on Draft EIS and Public Meetings

Final EIS
Published

30-day Public Comment Period on Final EIS USGS Leadership Reviews Public Record and Decides whether to Proceed with proposed Action

Decision Memorialized in Record of Decision

Project Timeline



Public Review of Draft EIS
45-Day Comment Period

O Public Meeting

Public Review
of Final EIS
30-Day Comment Period

) FALL/WINTER 2023-24: Develop Draft EIS

SUMMER 2024:

Develop Final EIS

WINTER 2025: Record of Decision Issued by USGS

How to Engage



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Review & Comment on the Draft EIS

View online: www.nwhceis.com

Notices of availability will be placed in the Federal Register and local newspapers. Feedback is encouraged during the 45-day comment period.



Review the Final EIS

View online: after Public Comment Period

Public feedback will be considered for the Final EIS. The Final EIS will be available for public review for 30 days before a decision is made.



Learn more about the environmental process!
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