

NATIONAL ENERGY TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY



Texas Clean Energy Project (TCEP) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

Public Scoping Meeting



NEPA

- U.S. Federal Law effective January 1, 1970
- Applies to all Federal Agencies
- National charter for protection of the environment
- Promotes environmental considerations in decision-making



NEPA Mandate

Environmental information must be available to public officials and citizens before Federal decisions are made and before Federal actions are taken

- High quality information
- Accurate scientific analyses
- **Expert agency comments**
- Public involvement

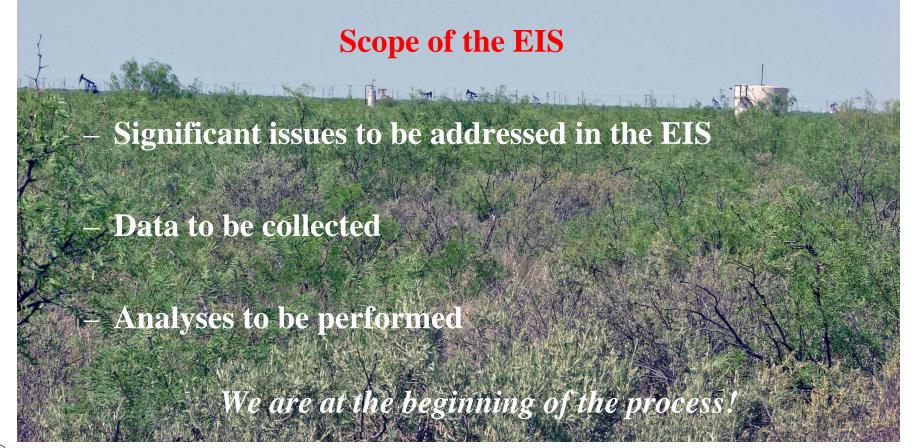
Content of a Typical EIS

- Purpose and Need for Agency Action
- Proposed Agency Action & Reasonable Alternatives
- Proposed Project & Project Alternatives
- Affected Environment
- Environmental Consequences
- List of Agencies, Organizations, and Persons Contacted
- Public Participation and Responses to Public Input



Purpose of Public Scoping Meeting

• Invite comments and input from all interested persons on:

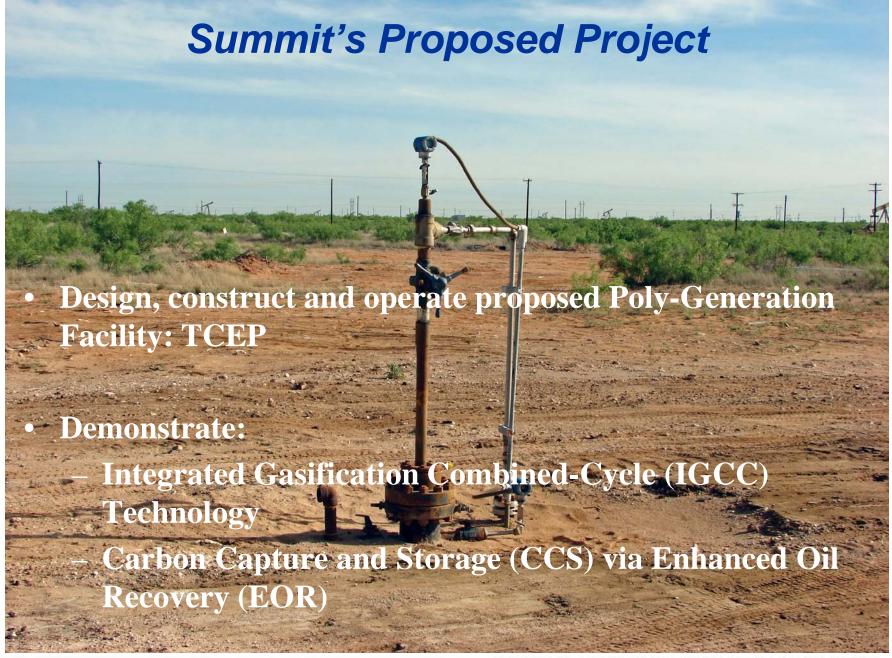


Proposed Federal Action

 Provide financial assistance to the Texas Clean Energy Project:

\$350 million (approximately 20% of capital costs)

- Money disbursed as share of planning, design, construction and operational demonstration costs
- A portion of the money can be applied to activities that develop information necessary to complete NEPA



NEPA Schedule (Goals)

	GOAL	SCHEDULE
NEPA Site Visit	May 2010	May 17-21, 2010
Notice of Intent	Jun 2010	June 2, 2010
Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)	Oct 2010	
Public Hearing	Nov 2010	
Final EIS	May 2011	
Record of Decision (ROD)	Jun 2011	







DOE Wants Your Participation!

- Send written comments to:
 - Mark L. McKoy, Environmental Manager
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Comments due: Friday July 2, 2010

Scoping Meeting Logistics for Oral Comments

- Five (5) minutes per speaker, please!
- Two (2) opportunities to speak, time permitting
- Selected Govt. Officials & Pre-registered speakers first
- A transcript will be made
- Speakers should state their name and speak clearly
- Comment sheets are available