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# Operation Planning Updates (NEPA)

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# How does the LTEMP SEIS differ from other current planning activities?

<b>PLANNING EFFORT</b>	<b>NEAR-TERM COLORADO RIVER OPERATIONS</b> <i>(Interim Guidelines SEIS)</i>	<b>GLEN CANYON DAM LONG-TERM EXPERIMENTAL AND MANAGEMENT PLAN</b> <i>(LTEMP SEIS)</i>	<b>LONG-TERM COLORADO RIVER OPERATIONS</b> <i>(Post-2026 Process)</i>
<b>RANGE OF OPERATIONS</b>	Limited sections of the 2007 Interim Guidelines  Focus on annual releases	Limited sections of the 2016 LTEMP ROD;  Sub-annual flows - timing of hourly, daily, monthly and experimental releases from Glen Canyon Dam	Revisit all sections of the 2007 Interim Guidelines and other operating agreements that expire in 2026.  Focus on annual releases
<b>DURATION</b>	2024 – 2026 (3 YEARS)	2024 – 2027 (Flow Alternatives) 2024 – 2036 (HFE protocol)	2026 AND BEYOND



# Near Term Operations SEIS

- Expect to publish the Final SEIS in early March.
- Record of Decision in April.
- Coordination and consultation are planned with the Basin States and Tribes on the draft Record of Decision.
- Contact email: [CRinterimops@usbr.gov](mailto:CRinterimops@usbr.gov)





# Post 2026

- Currently in the alternative development phase
- The primary near-term goal is to publish a Draft EIS in December 2024.
- Alternative development wrap-up in late April.
- Accepting input on operational concepts.
- Will transition into the resource analysis phase in early May.
  
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# LTEMP SEIS

- Notice of availability for the Draft SEIS was published in the Federal Register on February 9, 2026.
- Public comment period runs through March 25, 2024.
- Publication of Final SEIS in May 2024.
- 30-day public review period before a Record of Decision can be signed.
- Record of Decision anticipated in June 2024.
  
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# LTEMP SEIS: Schedule



◆ Key NEPA Process milestones – Opportunities for Tribal, State, Partner, Stakeholder, and Public engagement





# QUESTIONS



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