

# Operation Planning Updates (NEPA)

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

PLANNING	
<b>EFFORT</b>	



**RANGE OF** 

**OPERATIONS** 

NEAR-TERM COLORADO RIVER OPERATIONS (Interim Guidelines SEIS)	GLEN CANYON DAM LONG- TERM EXPERIMENTAL AND MANAGEMENT PLAN (LTEMP SEIS)	LONG-TERM COLORADO RIVER OPERATIONS (Post- 2026 Process)
Limited sections of the 2007 Interim Guidelines	Limited sections of the 2016 LTEMP ROD;	Revisit all sections of the 2007 Interim Guidelines and other operating agreements that expire in 2026.
Focus on annual releases	Sub-annual flows - timing of hourly, daily, monthly and experimental releases from Glen Canyon Dam	Focus on annual releases
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.

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#### 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



Public Scoping Period –
opportunity for public to provide
input on scope of SEIS and Purpose
and Need for Proposed Action

Oct - Nov 2023

Refinement of SEIS Operational Alternatives by Reclamation, partners, and stakeholders

Nov-Dec 2023

Publication of Draft SEIS with public comment period to follow

Feb 2024

**30-Day Public Review** of Final SEIS

**May 2024** 

**Sep 2023** 

Reclamation publishes
NOI to Prepare SEIS initiates NEPA Process Begins public Scoping
Period

**Nov 2023** 

Reclamation develops Scoping
Summary Report with
anticipated Purpose & Need

Jan 2024

Reclamation prepares
Draft EIS

**May 2024** 

Publication of Final SEIS

**June 2024** 

**Publication of Record of Decision** 



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



