

Environmental Impact Statement for the Adoption of a Long-Term Experimental Plan for the Future Operation of Glen Canyon Dam and Other Associated Management Activities

Public Scoping

Scoping is an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying the significant issues related to a proposed action. To that end, the Bureau of Reclamation has implemented a [public involvement approach](#) that fully informs and engages the public in this National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. Understanding your views on the scope of the environmental impact statement (EIS), as well as the issues and alternatives to be analyzed, is critical to a successful completion. Reclamation initiated scoping on December 12, 2006, and the public scoping period ended on February 28, 2007. While this concludes the initial scoping period, opportunities for public comment will continue throughout the EIS process and Reclamation will consider any public comments received. Written comments may be sent to: Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Region, Attention: UC-413, 125 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84318-1147; faxogram at (801) 524-3858; or e-mail at GCDExpPlan@uc.usbr.gov. A [Scoping Report](#), summarizing Reclamation's scoping activities and the public comments received for this NEPA process, was published on March 30, 2007, and is posted to this website. The Scoping Report identifies issues associated with the proposed action and will assist Reclamation in developing an appropriate range of alternatives. Copies of [public comment letters](#) received during the scoping period are also posted to this website.

Public Scoping Activities and Process

In a notice published in the *Federal Register* on November 6, 2006, Reclamation announced its intent to prepare and consider an EIS on a Long-Term Experimental Plan for the future operation of Glen Canyon Dam and other associated management activities. This notice also announced that the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG) would conduct a public meeting on December 5-6, 2006, in Tempe, Arizona. Another notice was published in the *Federal Register* on December 12, 2006, reiterating Reclamation's intent to prepare an EIS, describing the proposed action and possible alternatives, soliciting public comment, and announcing additional public scoping meetings as follow-up to the December 2006 public AMWG meeting. To further inform the public, press releases on the Long-Term Experimental Plan were issued on November 3 and December 12, 2006. Also on December 12, 2006, a letter was sent to interested parties explaining that as part of the Long-Term Experimental Plan NEPA process, Reclamation will incorporate information gathered during scoping conducted for the environmental assessment for construction of a temperature control device at Glen Canyon Dam. The letter further explained that the environmental impacts of constructing and operating a temperature control device at Glen Canyon Dam will now be analyzed in this new NEPA process.

In addition to the public AMWG meeting, two public scoping meetings were conducted to solicit public comment on the scope of the Long-Term Experimental Plan and the issues and alternatives to be analyzed. The meetings were held in Phoenix, Arizona, and Salt Lake City, Utah, on January 4 and January 5, 2007, respectively. All of the information provided at the two public scoping meetings, including a PowerPoint presentation given by the Project Manager and official meeting transcripts, is available under [Public Involvement](#).

Public comments obtained from the scoping meetings will augment the input received from Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program meetings and the recommendations of the AMWG, a federal advisory committee. In addition, as part of the scoping process, Reclamation will utilize information developed through prior meetings of the AMWG, Technical Work Group, and Science Planning Group as relevant information for developing the appropriate scope of analysis and range of alternatives.