Montana Environmental Policy Act - EA

NOTE: This chart does not include the process for a joint EA with another agency. Timeframes may change due to delayed response from applicant or outside agency.

Applicant/Customer
- Submits Application for DEQ Permit or Authorization
  - MEPA review needed?
    - No: Continue with Permitting or Authorization Process
    - Yes: Move to EIS Process
  - No: Reviews Comments And Identifies Issues
    - Comments Received
      - No: Scoping to Identify Issues?
      - Yes: EA or EIS?
        - No: Prepare Working EA:
          - Describe affected environment
          - Compare impacts with objectives, issues, laws, standards
          - Analyze impacts of each alternative on the affected environment
        - Yes: May participate in the preparation of the Working EA
          - Working EA routed for internal review and revised as necessary
          - Formal Public Review?
            - No: Comments Received
              - No: Is EIS necessary?
              - Yes: Final EA And/or Decision Issued
            - Yes: Public Notice Received
              - Submit Comments
  - Yes: Public Notice Received
    - Submit Comments
  - Yes: Participates in scoping process; submits comments

DEQ
- Reviews Comments And Identifies Issues
  - Comments Received
    - No: Continue with Permitting or Authorization Process
    - Yes: EA or EIS?
      - No: Prepare Working EA:
        - Describe affected environment
        - Compare impacts with objectives, issues, laws, standards
        - Analyze impacts of each alternative on the affected environment
      - Yes: May participate in the preparation of the Working EA
        - Working EA routed for internal review and revised as necessary
        - EA Issued
          - Written findings as to significance of impacts
          - Final EA And/or Decision Issued
        - Yes: Prepare Public Notice
          - Public Notice Received
            - Submit Comments
          - Yes: Comments Received
            - No: Scoping to Identify Issues?
            - Yes: EA or EIS?
  - Yes: Participates in scoping process; submits comments

Public Involvement
- Participates in scoping process; submits comments

Other Agency
- Participates in scoping process; submits comments

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