



National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process



- The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires Federal agencies to consider potential environmental impacts before making a decision or taking action on their projects. The environmental review process under NEPA provides an opportunity for you to be involved in the Federal agency decision-making process.
- The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) establishes a process to identify any historic properties that could be affected by the project or action, assess the effects of the project, and seek ways to avoid or mitigate any adverse effects on historic properties. GSA will pursue and complete compliance with NHPA during the NEPA process.



Project Background



- The Alcan Land Port of Entry (LPOE) is located in a remote area of southeastern Alaska and processes personal vehicles and commercial traffic. The LPOE is subject to sub-arctic weather conditions and is the only year-round operating land port between USA and Canada.
- The Alcan LPOE includes port facilities, employee housing and support features, and necessary infrastructure. The existing facilities of the LPOE have only received minor additions and improvements since their original construction in 1972. This project seeks to expand and modernize the Alcan LPOE to meet the current operational needs.



Proposed Alternatives



The EA will consider two “action” alternatives and one “no action” alternative. The two “**action**” **alternatives** would consist of land acquisition, construction, renovation, and demolition activities, and could include:

- Construction and operation of new LPOE facilities including a new port building, associated housing, and other structures;
- Demolition or renovation of existing port buildings; and
- Land acquisition at a new site area (Alternative 1) or from the Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge (Alternative 2).

The “**no action**” **alternative** assumes that demolition of existing facilities, construction of new facilities, and expansion of LPOE operations would not occur. The LPOE would continue to operate under current conditions.



Submitting Comments



1. Fill out a comment form and submit it during this meeting
2. Email comment to AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov
Include “Alcan LPOE EIS” in the subject line of the message.
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