



Pre-Application Early Site Permit Public Meeting for the North Anna Site



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Who is the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission?

- Independent Federal agency
 - Five Commissioners
 - Professional staff
- Experienced regulator
- Mission: To protect public health and safety, promote common defense and security, and protect the environment
- Regulate commercial nuclear reactor activities



NRC History



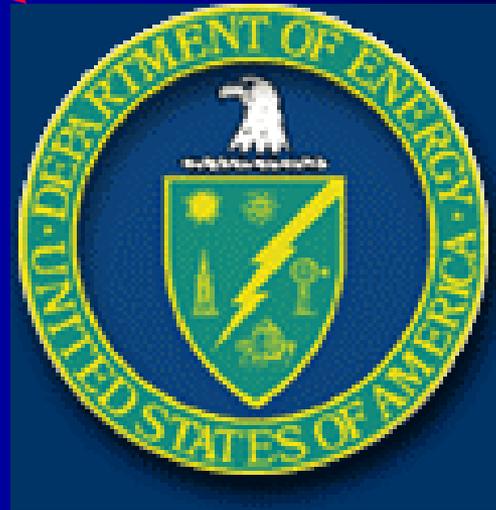
Atomic Energy Commission

1974

Energy Reorganization Act



Independent **Regulatory** Agency
Protect Public Health & Safety



Executive Branch Agency
Increase Domestic Energy Production



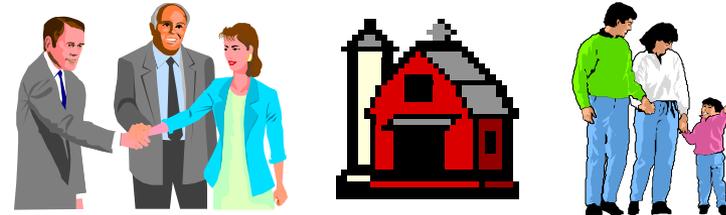
Key Participants in NRC Licensing Process

Dominion Energy, Inc.

Applicant
Electric Power Company

**Nuclear Regulatory
Commission**

Regulatory Agency
Licensing Authority
Protect Public Health & Safety

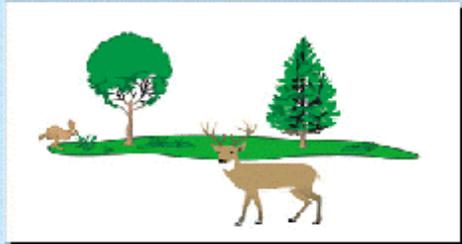


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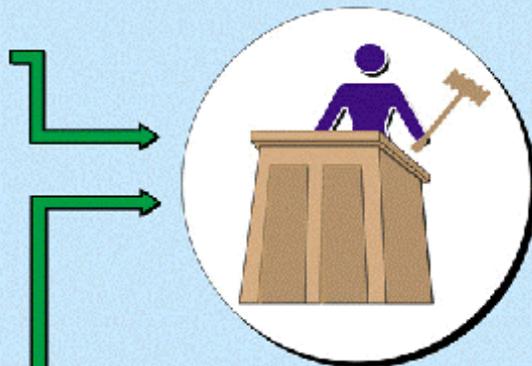
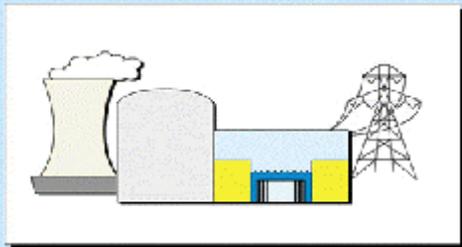
Participate Through Public
Meetings & Hearings

Combined Licenses, Early Site Permits, and Standard Design Certifications

Early Site Permit*

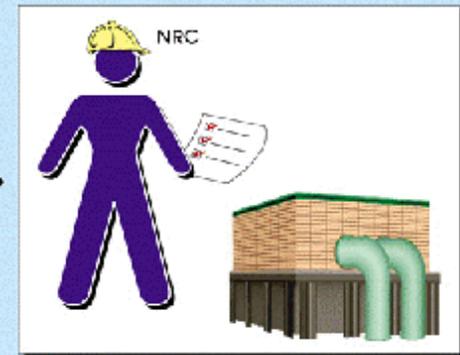


Standard Design
Certification*

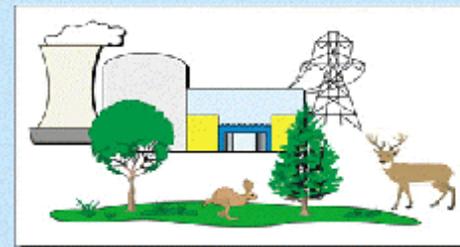


Combined License
Review and Hearing

Verification of Inspection, Tests,
Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria



Reactor Operation



* or equivalent process



How will the NRC carry out its role?

- Review all information objectively
- Make informed decisions based on the facts and in compliance with Federal regulations
- Maintain an open public process



Early Site Permits

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License Renewal and Environmental Impacts Program





Introduction

- Discuss early site permit review process
- Discuss schedule
- Questions and answers

- Discuss how to participate in process
- Questions and answers



What is an early site permit?

An NRC decision that ensures that the proposed site is suitable for construction and operation of a nuclear power plant or plants

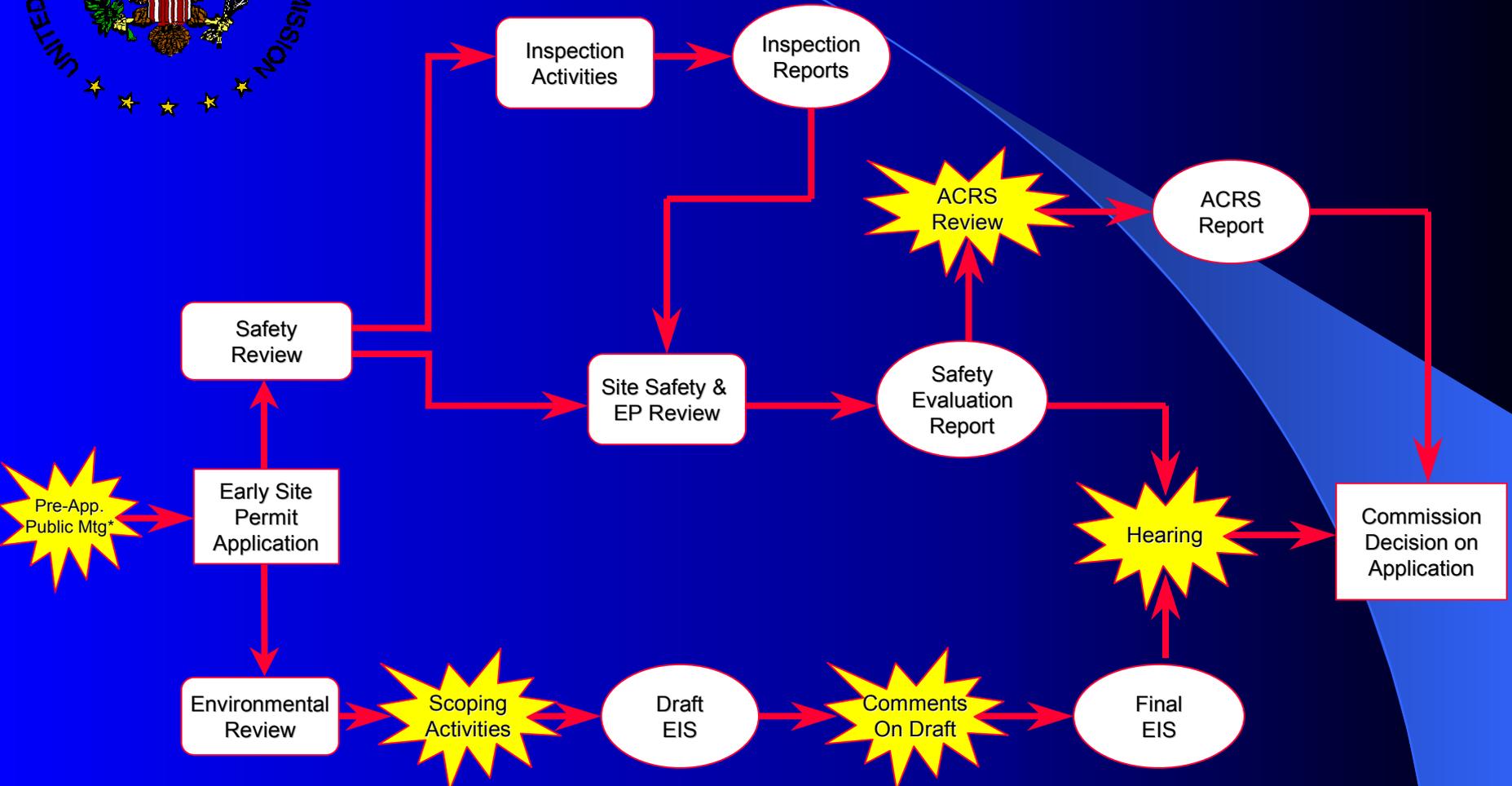


Why does an applicant want an early site permit?

- Allows an applicant to “bank” a site for up to 20 years
- Reduces licensing uncertainty
- Resolves siting issues before construction



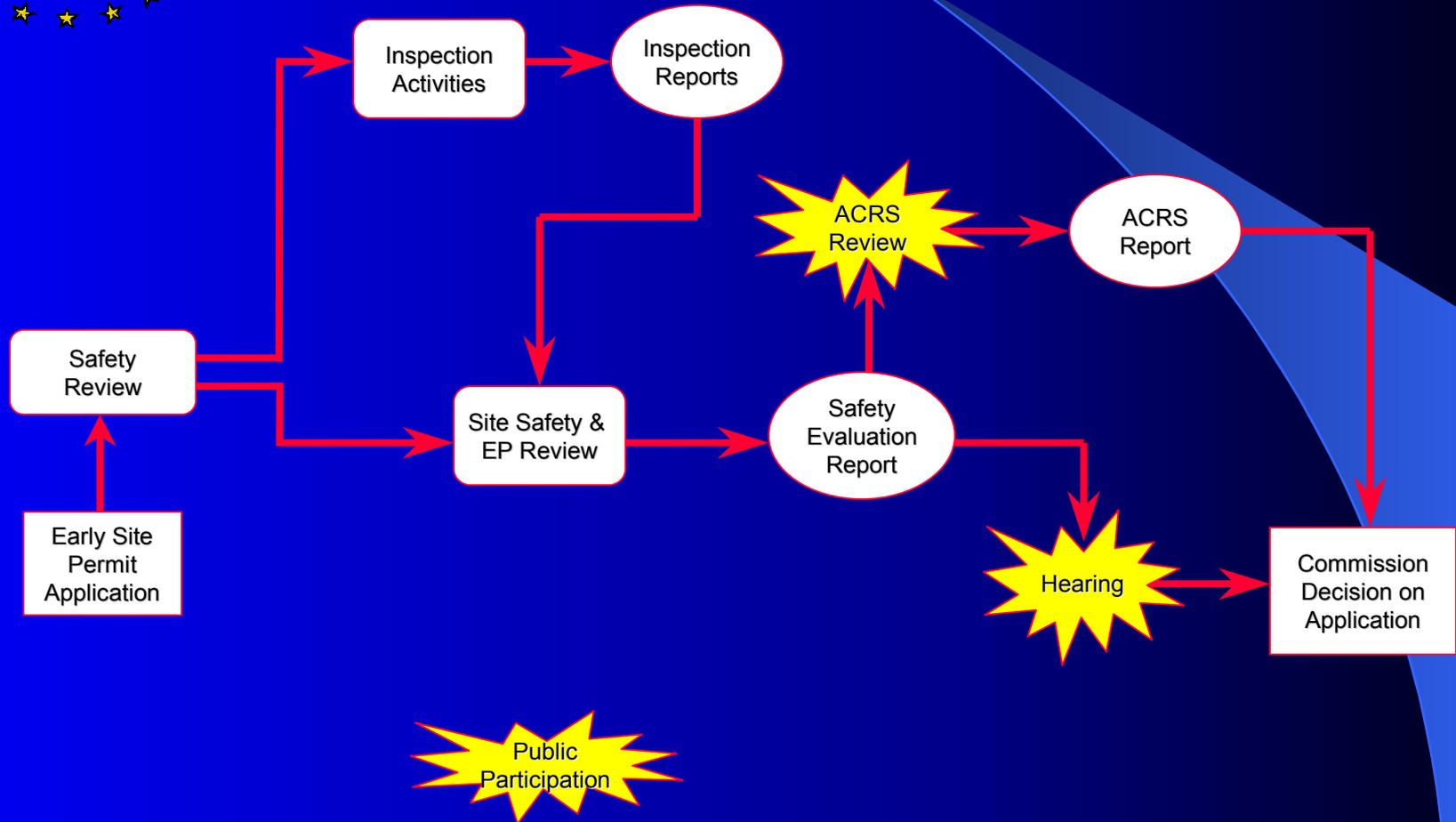
Early Site Permit Review Process



Public Participation

* Not required

Site Safety and Emergency Preparedness Review Process



* Not required



Site Safety and Emergency Preparedness Review Process

- Site Safety Review
 - Site visit
 - Layout and characteristics
 - Data gathering
 - Application and other related information



Site Safety and Emergency Preparedness Review Process (continued)

- Site Safety Review
 - Seismology
 - Geology
 - Hydrology
 - Meteorology
 - Geography
 - Demography (population distribution)
 - Site hazards evaluation



Site Safety and Emergency Preparedness Review Process (continued)

- Emergency Preparedness Review
 - Site visit
 - Physical impediments
 - Population distribution
 - Transportation routes
 - Proposed emergency plan or other information
 - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

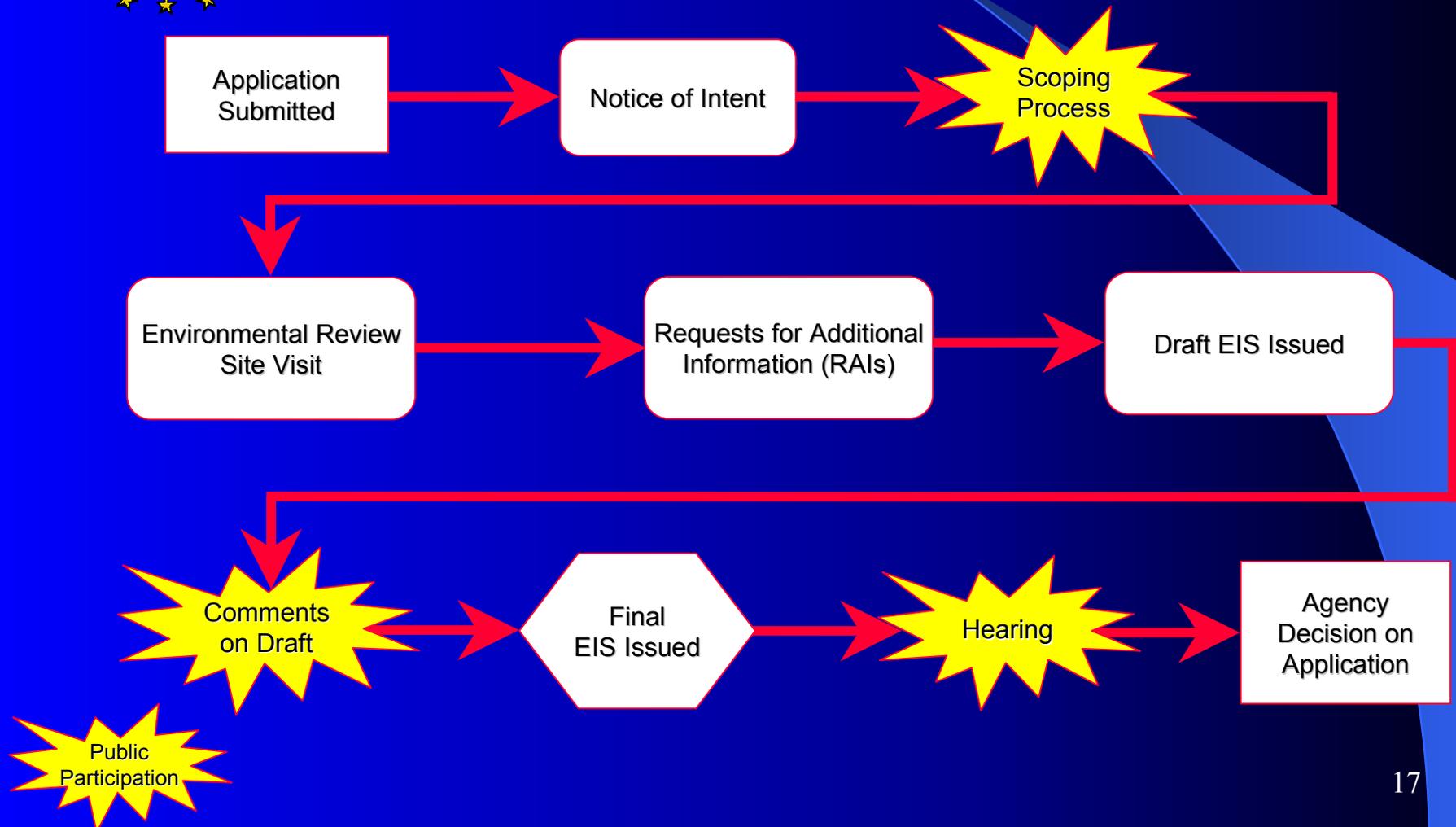


National Environmental Policy Act

- NEPA requires Federal agencies to use a systematic approach to consider environmental impacts
- An environmental impact statement (EIS) is required for major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment
- Issuing early site permit is considered a major Federal action

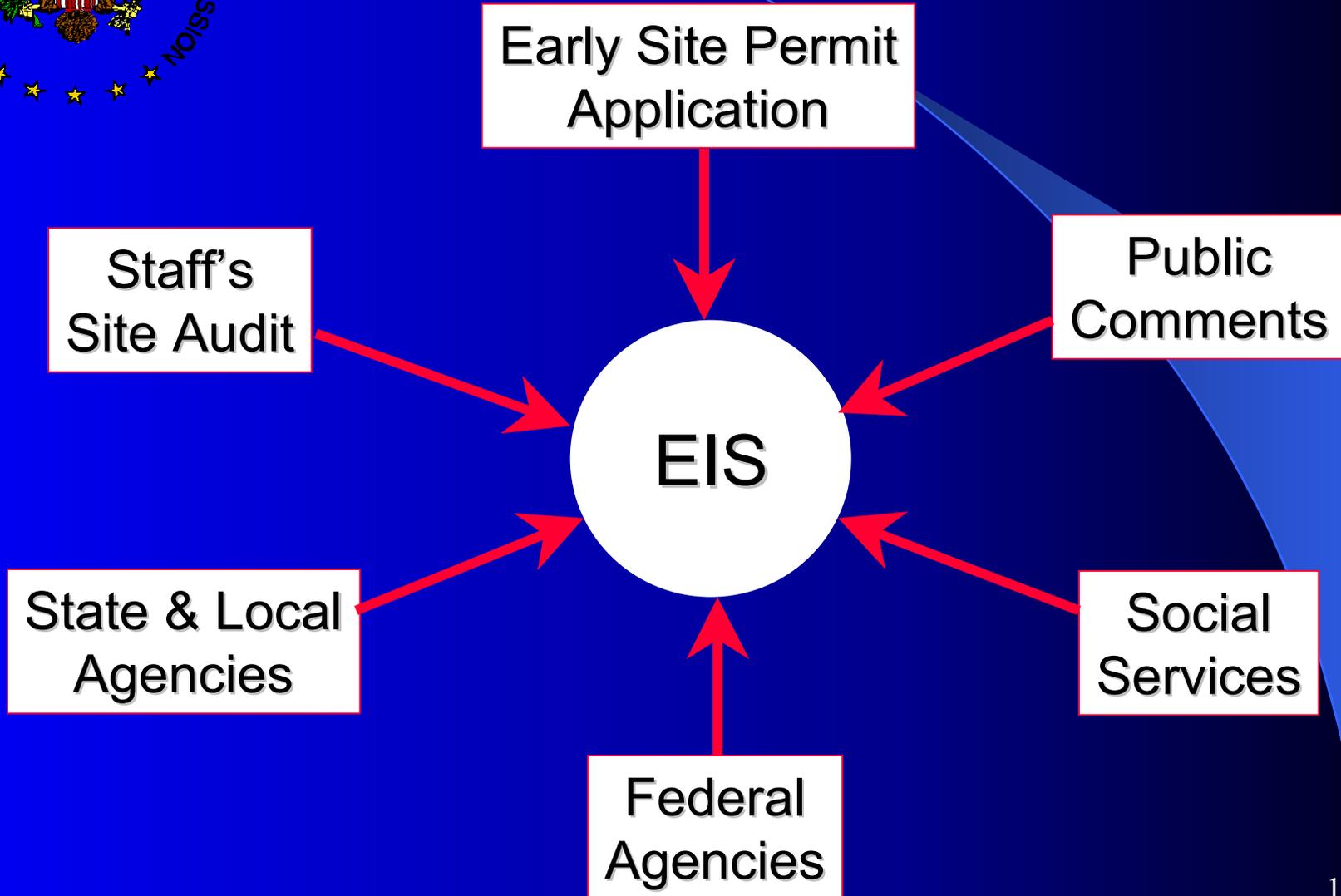


Environmental Review Process



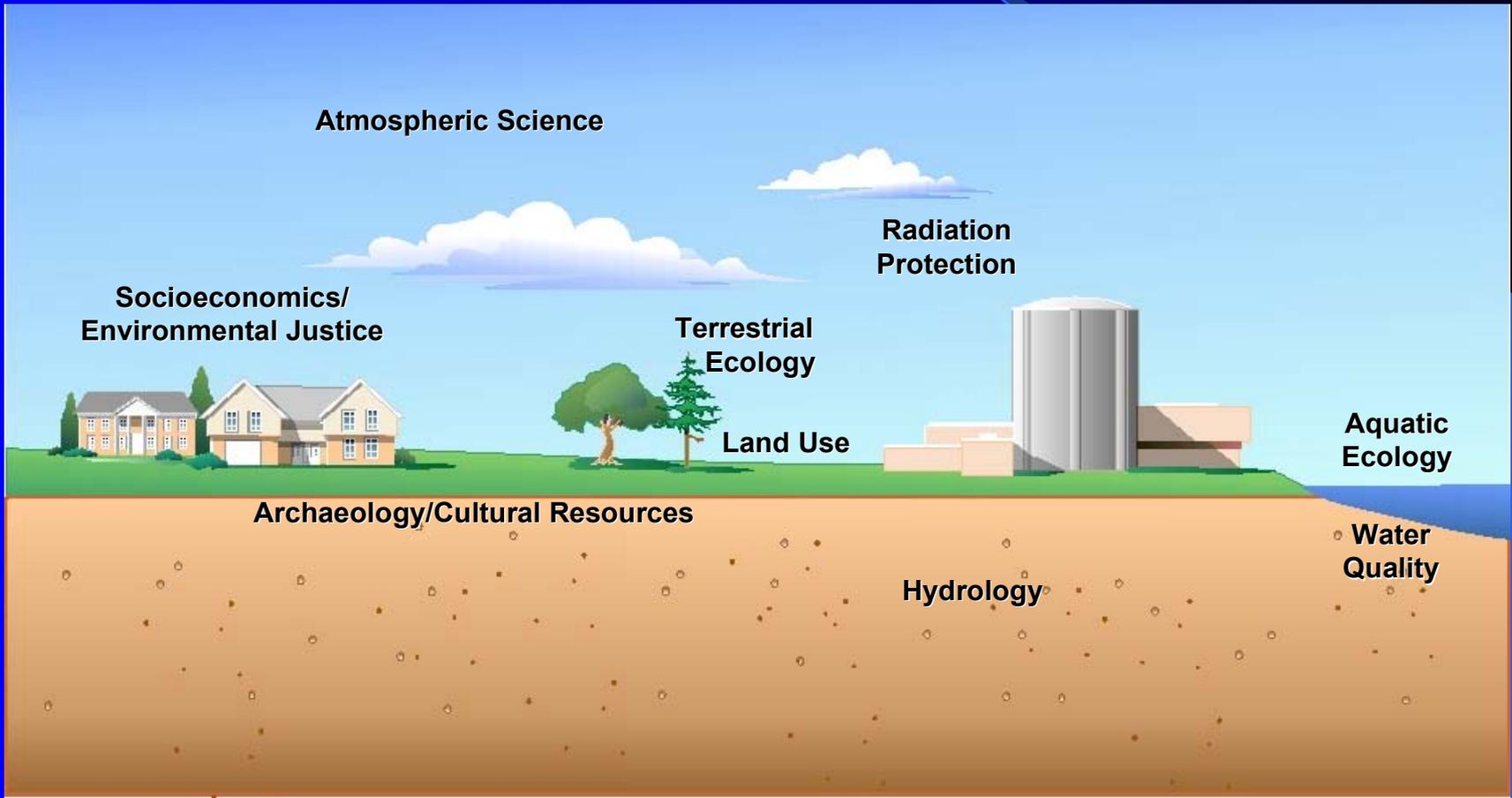


Information Gathering





Team Expertise





Issues Not Considered in Early Site Permit Environmental Review

- Need for power
- Cost of power
- Onsite spent fuel storage



Application Schedule

- Clinton Illinois June 2003
- Grand Gulf Mississippi June 2003
- North Anna Virginia September 2003

Commission decision expected 33 months after application received (includes time for hearing process)



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Public Involvement

- Pre-application public meeting near site
- Public interaction during environmental review
 - Comment periods
 - Public meetings
- Technical meetings on site safety and emergency preparedness



Public Involvement (continued)

- Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Hearing
 - Opportunity to participate provided

- Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards
 - Independent review
 - Advises Commission
 - Public meetings



Where Can I Find the Results?

- Safety evaluation report
- Environmental impact statement
- Meeting summaries
- Inspection reports



Points of Contact

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- Documents can be viewed in the “electronic reading room” on NRC’s website (www.nrc.gov)

