

# U.S. NRC

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## Public Outreach Meeting North Anna Power Station Unit 3 Combined License Application

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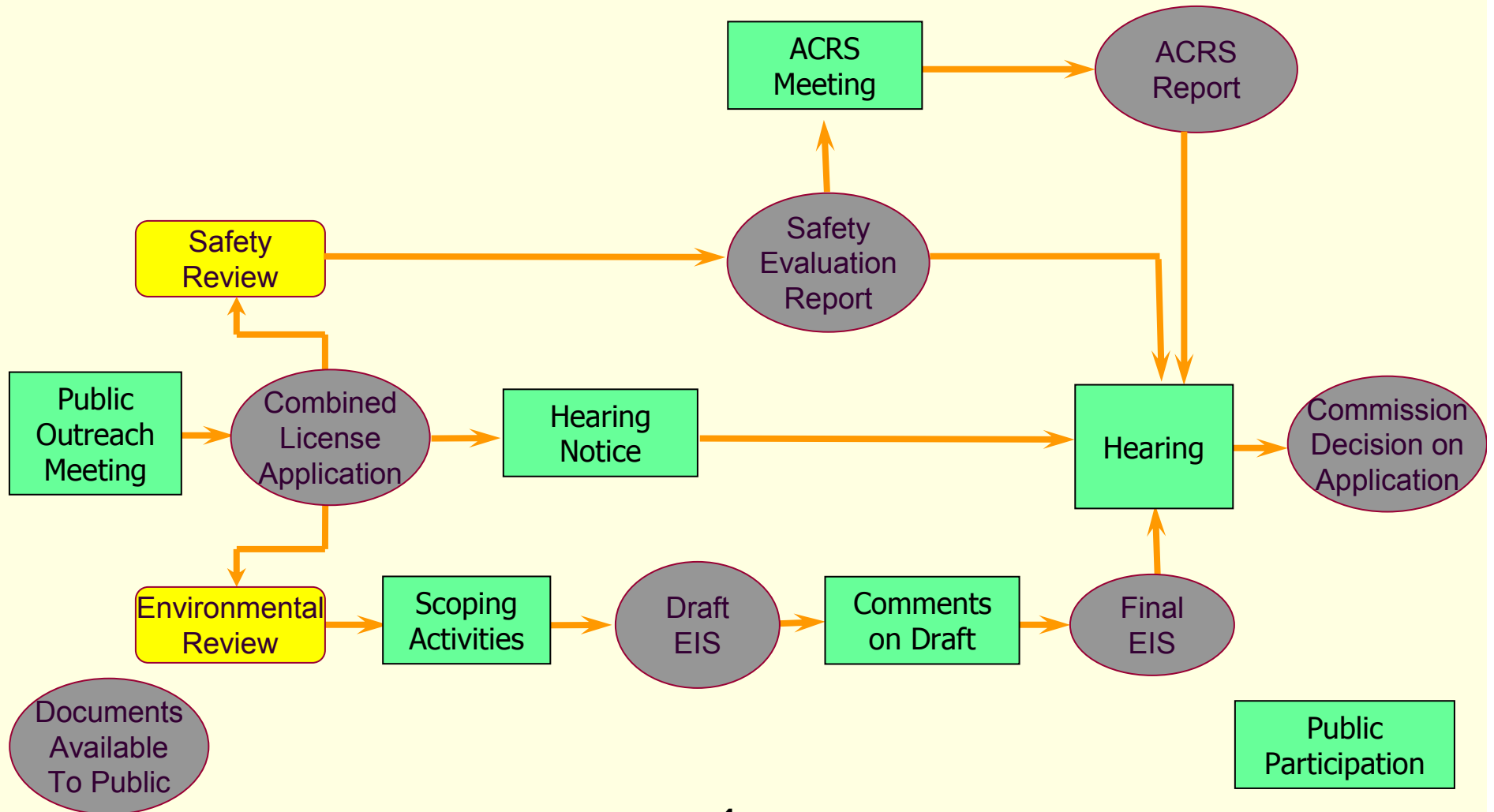
# Purposes of this meeting

- Discuss the potential combined license for one new nuclear plant at North Anna
- Explain what the NRC does during the review of a combined license application
- Describe how you can participate in the NRC review process

# Nuclear Regulatory Commission

- Mission: to protect the public health and safety, promote the common defense and security, and protect the environment
- Independent Agency
- Over 30 years experience regulating operating reactors and other civilian uses of nuclear materials

# Combined License Application Review Process



# Combined License Application Review and Construction Inspection

- Thomas Kevern, Project Manager
  - Overall Combined License Application Review
- Alan Bjornsen, Project Manager
  - Environmental Review
- Michael Webb, Reactor Operations Engineer
  - Construction Inspection

# Safety Review

- Ensure facility will be constructed and operated safely by reviewing:
  - Design of facility
  - Quality assurance
  - Security plan
  - Emergency preparedness (with the Federal Emergency Management Agency)
  - Operator Training
  - Applicant's process to verify that the nuclear plant will be built as designed and operated in accordance with NRC regulations
- Clearly document our safety findings
- Maintain an open and transparent process

# Opportunities for Public Participation

- Obtain information at [www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov)
  - NRC processes and how to participate
  - Publicly available information about the license application
- Meetings between the NRC and the applicant
- Comment on environmental review
- Participate in Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards meetings
- Participate in the hearing process

# The Hearing Process

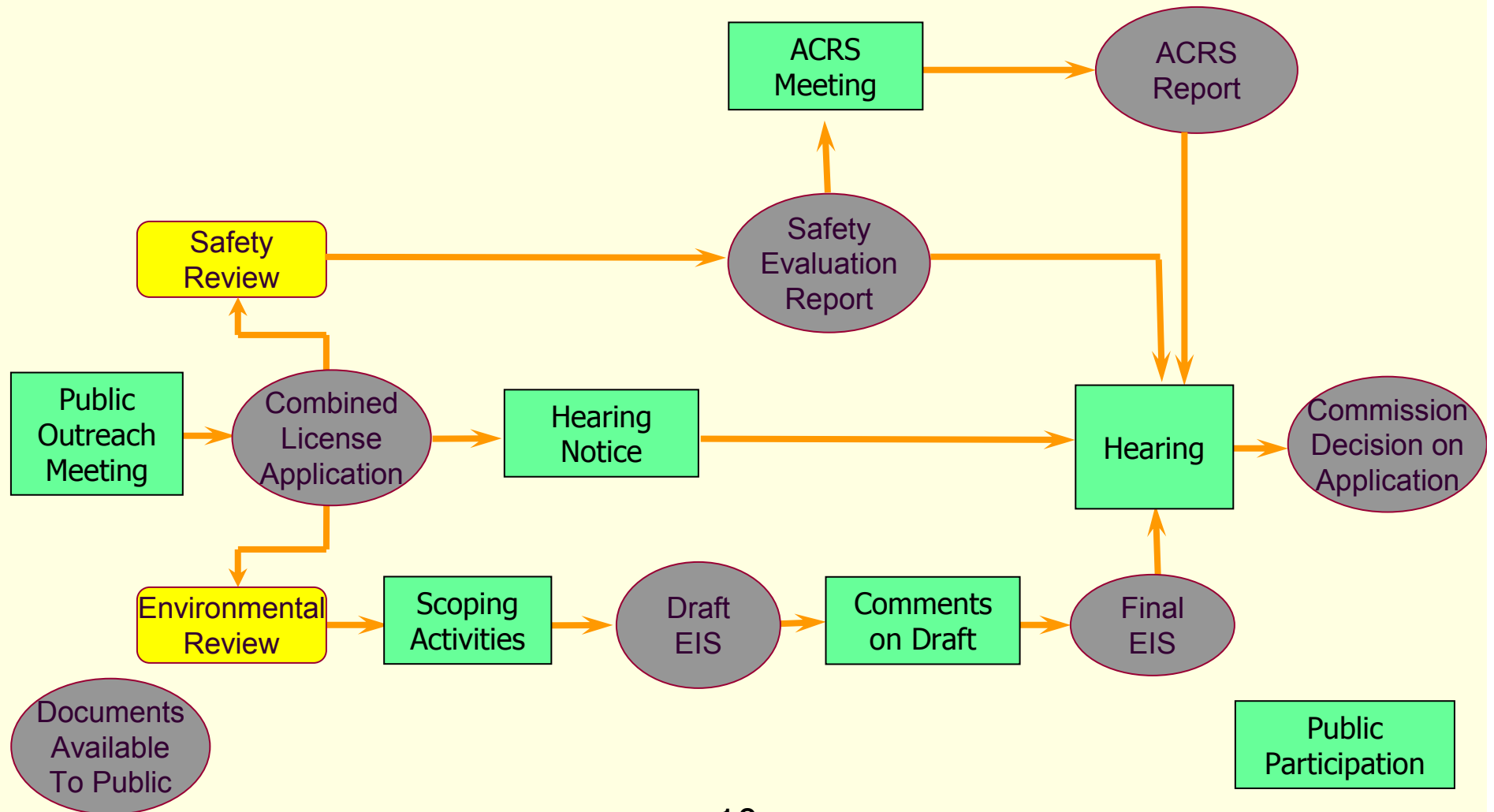
- NRC issues a Notice of Hearing in the *Federal Register*, which offers an opportunity for the public to participate in the hearing as a party (called “intervention”)
- A request (petition) to intervene must be filed within 60 days of the date of the Notice
- The requestor must state his or her interest that may be affected by granting the license, and at least one acceptable dispute with the application
- Three judges (Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB)) will decide whether to grant intervention and conduct the hearing
- A person who did not seek to intervene or was not granted intervention may make a statement to the Board, although this statement is not evidence in the hearing
- Regulations governing intervention are in 10 C.F.R. 2.309



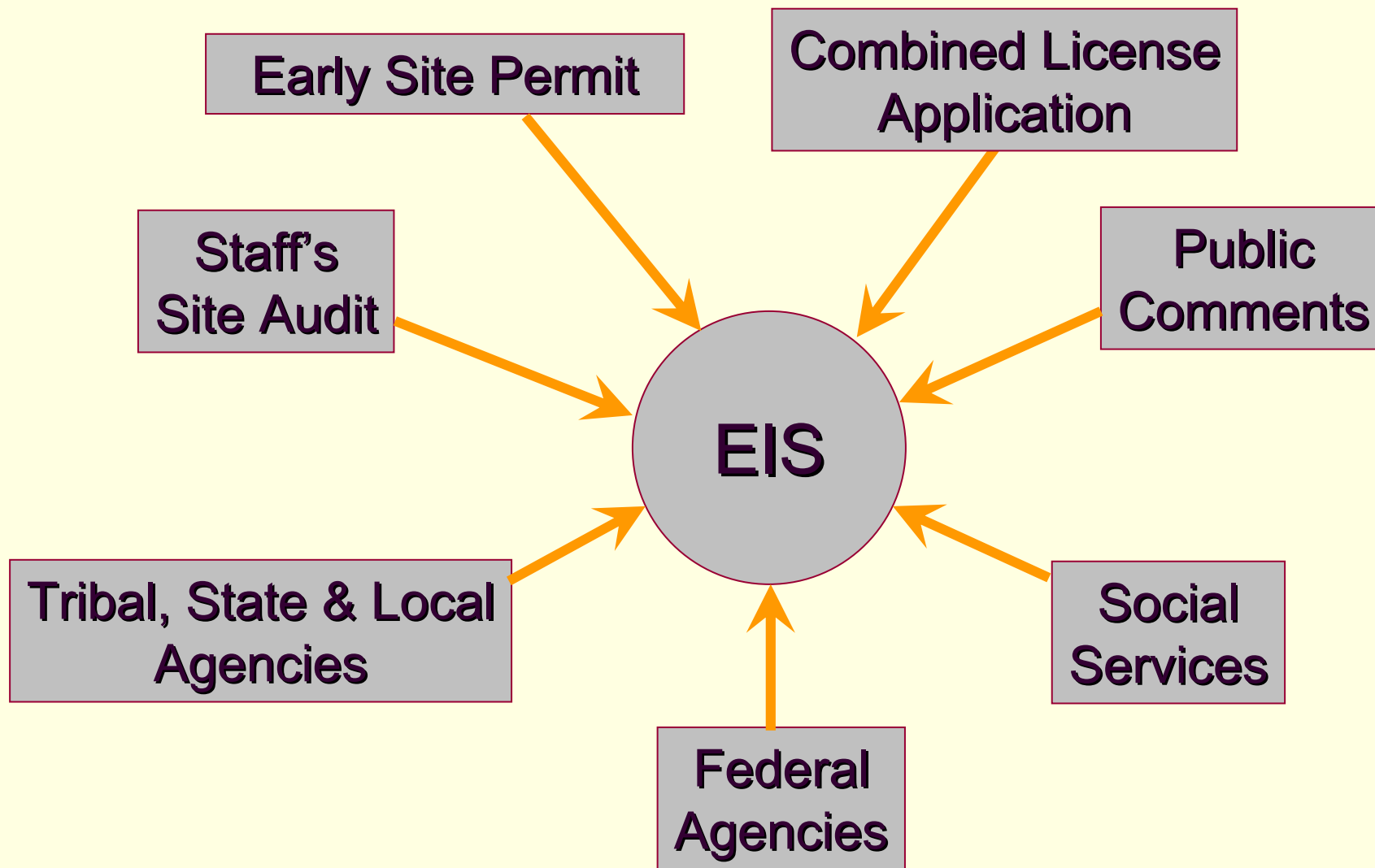
# National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- NEPA requires Federal agencies to use a systematic approach to consider environmental impacts
- An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required for major Federal actions that may significantly affect the quality of the human environment
- Granting a combined license is considered a major Federal action

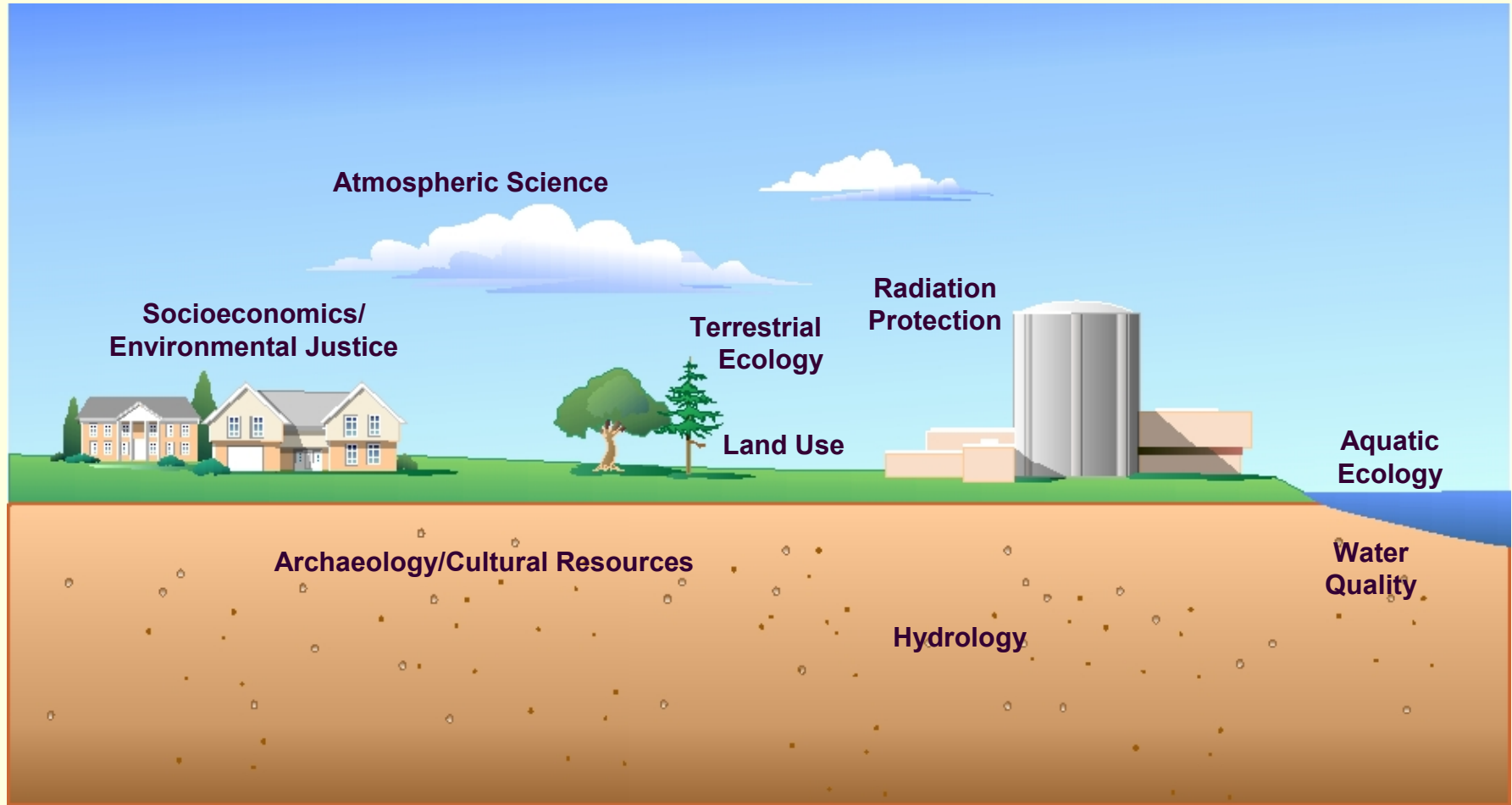
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# Information Gathering



# Environmental Review Areas

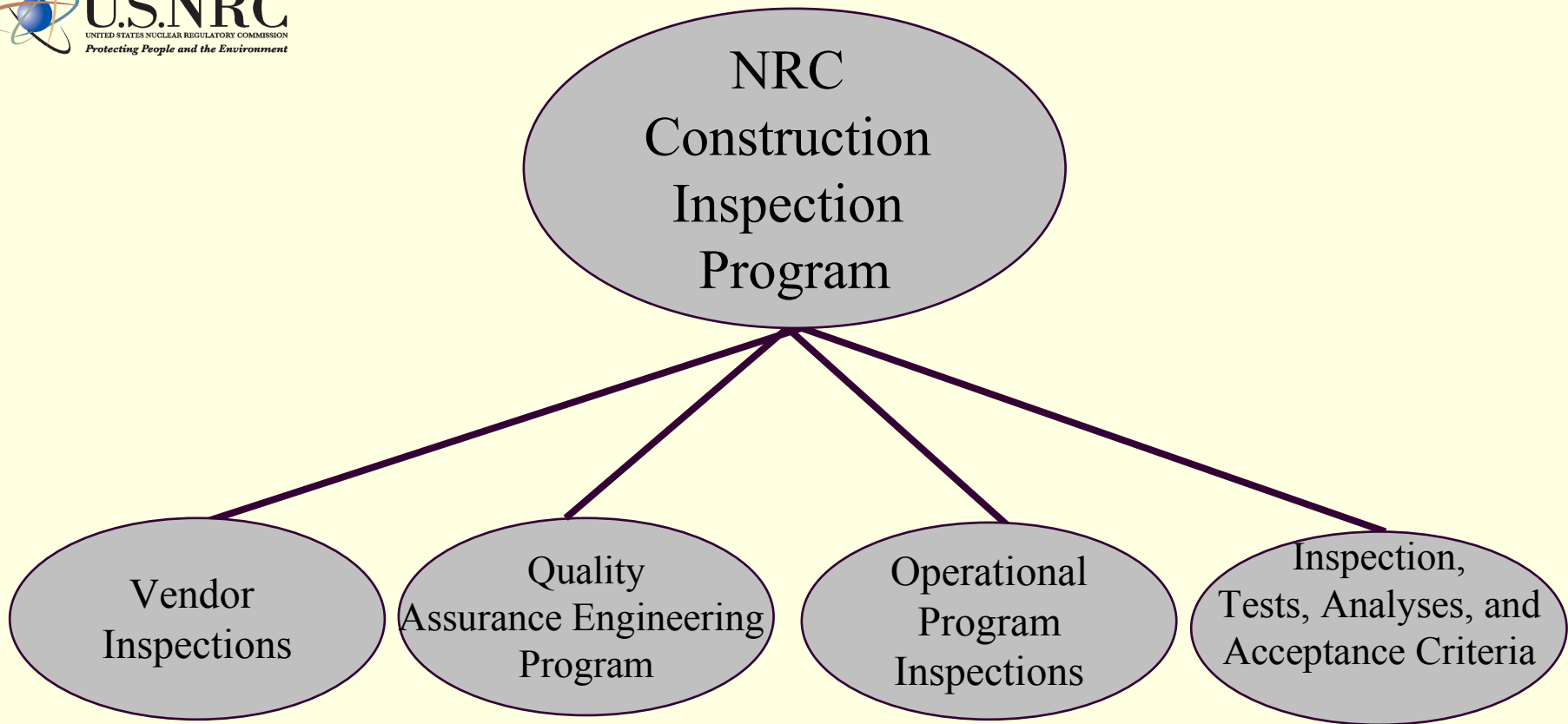


# If an Early Site Permit is Granted

- For the environmental review:
  - Unresolved issues are fully evaluated
  - Resolved issues – staff determines if there is new & significant information
    - New information may not be significant – conclusion in the Early Site Permit Final EIS stands
    - New information that is significant – evaluate impacts against previous conclusions from the Early Site Permit Final EIS

# If the License is issued....

- The NRC will authorize the licensee to start construction of a nuclear power plant and to operate the completed plant, if specified conditions are met.
- NRC staff will inspect nuclear safety–related construction activities.
- NRC will verify that the plant is built as designed prior to operation (required by regulation).



# ITAAC

- ITAAC means Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria.
- ITAAC are the means by which the licensee demonstrates, and the NRC confirms, that the plant was built properly.
- Prior to plant operation all acceptance criteria must be met.
- Provides an opportunity for separate hearing based on whether acceptance criteria are met.



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