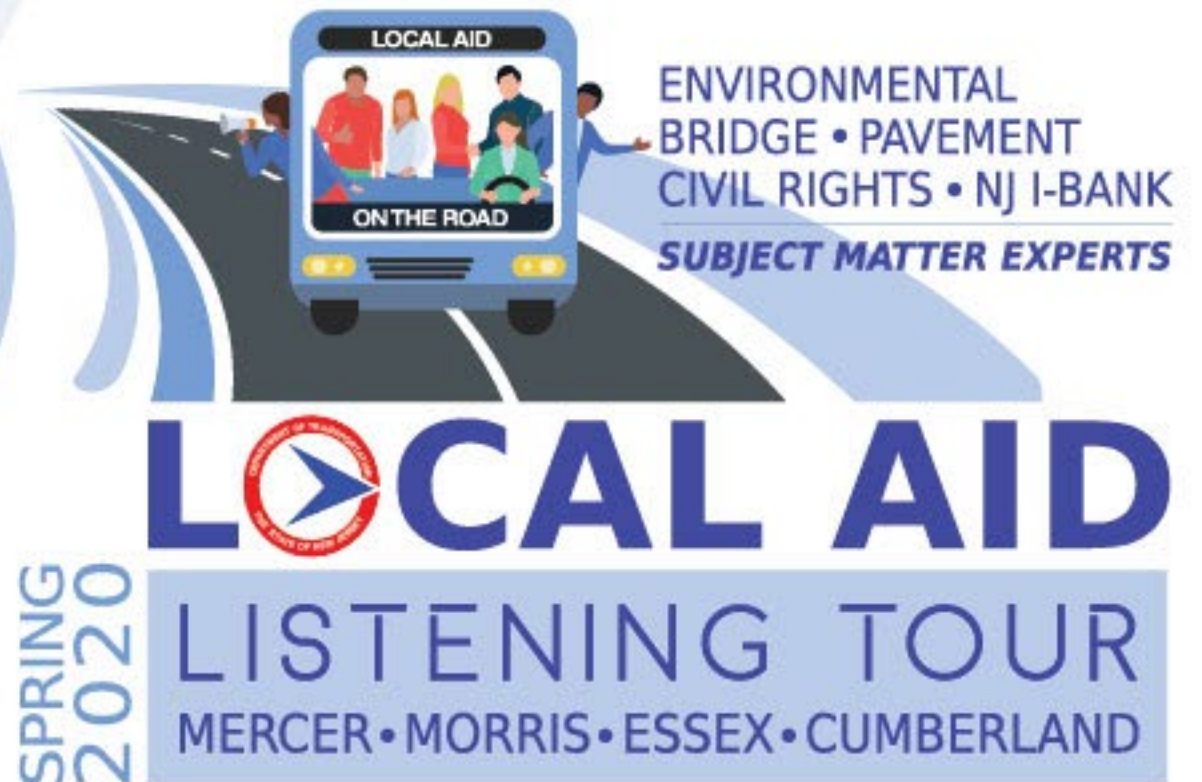


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**We strive to find the balance between
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STATE AND FEDERAL PROCESS

State Funding

1. EO #215 Assessment (Exempt, EA or EIS)
2. NJDOT can determine if a project is exempt from EO #215
3. NJDEP Approves EA's and EIS's

Federal Funding

1. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) - (Self- Certified CE, CE, EA, EIS)
2. NJDOT can approve Self-Certified CED's
3. TES's may be required
4. Coordination with federal and state agencies may be required
5. FHWA approves all other CED's
6. EA's and EIS's have circulate for public and agency review

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVALS

- New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
- Executive Order #215
- SHPO
- DLUR Permits
- Green Acres
- NJ Meadowlands Commission
- Highlands Council
- Pinelands Commission
- Delaware & Raritan Canal Commission



EXECUTIVE ORDER #215 APPLICABILITY

EO #215 requires departments, agencies and authorities of the State to prepare and submit an EA or EIS to NJDEP for projects with anticipated construction cost of \$1 million+ and/or the state grants at least 20% financial assistance.

- An Environmental Assessment is required for projects that cost \$1 million or more
- An Environmental Impact Statement is required for projects that cost \$5 million or more and involve land disturbance of five (5) acres

PROJECTS THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM EO#215 REVIEW

- Maintenance or repair projects (a);
- Facilities or equipment replaced in kind at the same location (b);
- Coastal Area Facility Review Act (CAFRA);
- Require an EIS pursuant to NEPA;
- Classified as a Categorical Exclusions (CE) pursuant to NEPA.



NJDEP/NJDOT MOA

- Modernization of a highway by resurfacing, restoration, rehabilitation or reconstruction, provided that additional lanes are not added, and that less than 11 feet of pavement is added to either direction.
- Intersection improvements, involving channelization, corner cutbacks, and addition of turning lanes.
- Bridge rehabilitation, reconstruction, or replacement on essentially the same alignment.
- Realignment of less than 1000 feet of one or more segments of roadway to correct substandard horizontal and vertical geometry, or to construct new approaches to a realigned bridge, provided that the total new alignment on a particular project is less than 2500 feet.

PROJECTS NOT EXEMPT FROM EO #215 REVIEW

1. New roadway on new alignment
2. Major widening



EO #215 PROCESS

Exempt Projects

- Submit EO #215 Exemption request to Local Aid
 - Include Project Description, construction cost, grant amount, project plans and any required environmental approvals or permits
- NJDOT – Local Aid will forward the request to BEPR for review (30 days)
- BEPR will prepare an EO #215 Exemption letter and sent it to the Project Sponsor and NJDEP

Non-Exempt Projects


- Submit project information to Local Aid
- Develop EO #215 Document SOW in consultation with BEPR and NJDEP – Office of Permit Coordination and Environmental Review
- Prepare EO #215 Document and submit to NJDEP via BEPR
- NJDEP Review
 - 20 days – administrative completeness review
 - 60 days – department review, if the review is not completed in 60 days the document is deemed approved

CAUTION



EO #215 Exemption

Issuance of an exemption does not relieve you of your responsibility to comply with the requirements of any Federal, State, or local agency may have jurisdiction.

- NJDEP LURP Permits
 - Green Acres
 - Historic Sites Council review
 - Contaminated or Hazardous Waste Sites...
 - USGC
 - ACOE
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- A photograph of a stone arch bridge spanning a river, surrounded by dense green trees. The bridge has multiple arches and is made of dark stone. The river is calm, reflecting the bridge and the surrounding foliage. The background is a dense forest of tall trees with green leaves.

STATE FUNDED PROJECTS AND NEPA

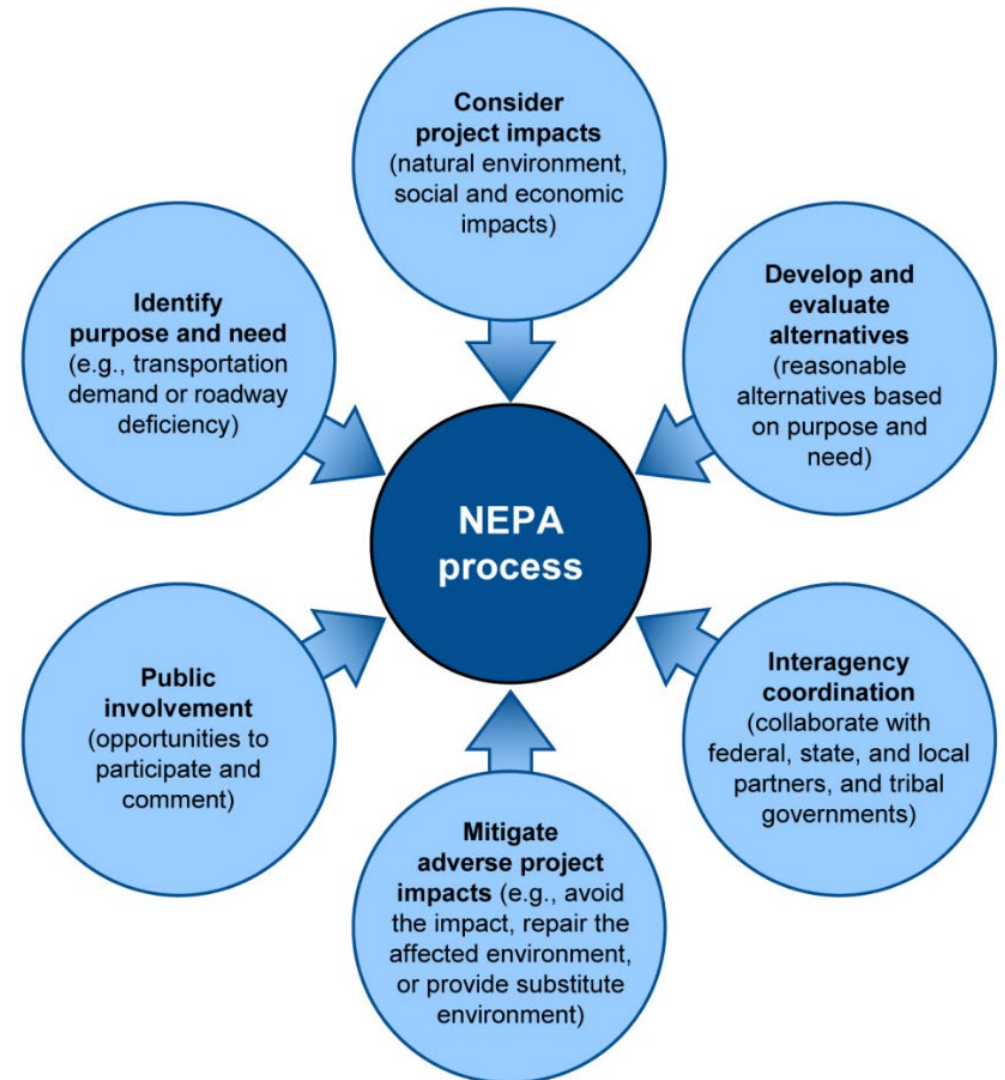
State funded projects must comply with NEPA if a permit or action requires approval from a federal agency (i.e. ACOE or USCG)

- The agency responsible for complying with the requirements of NEPA is the Lead Federal Agency
- We must follow the NEPA policies and procedures of the Lead Federal Agency

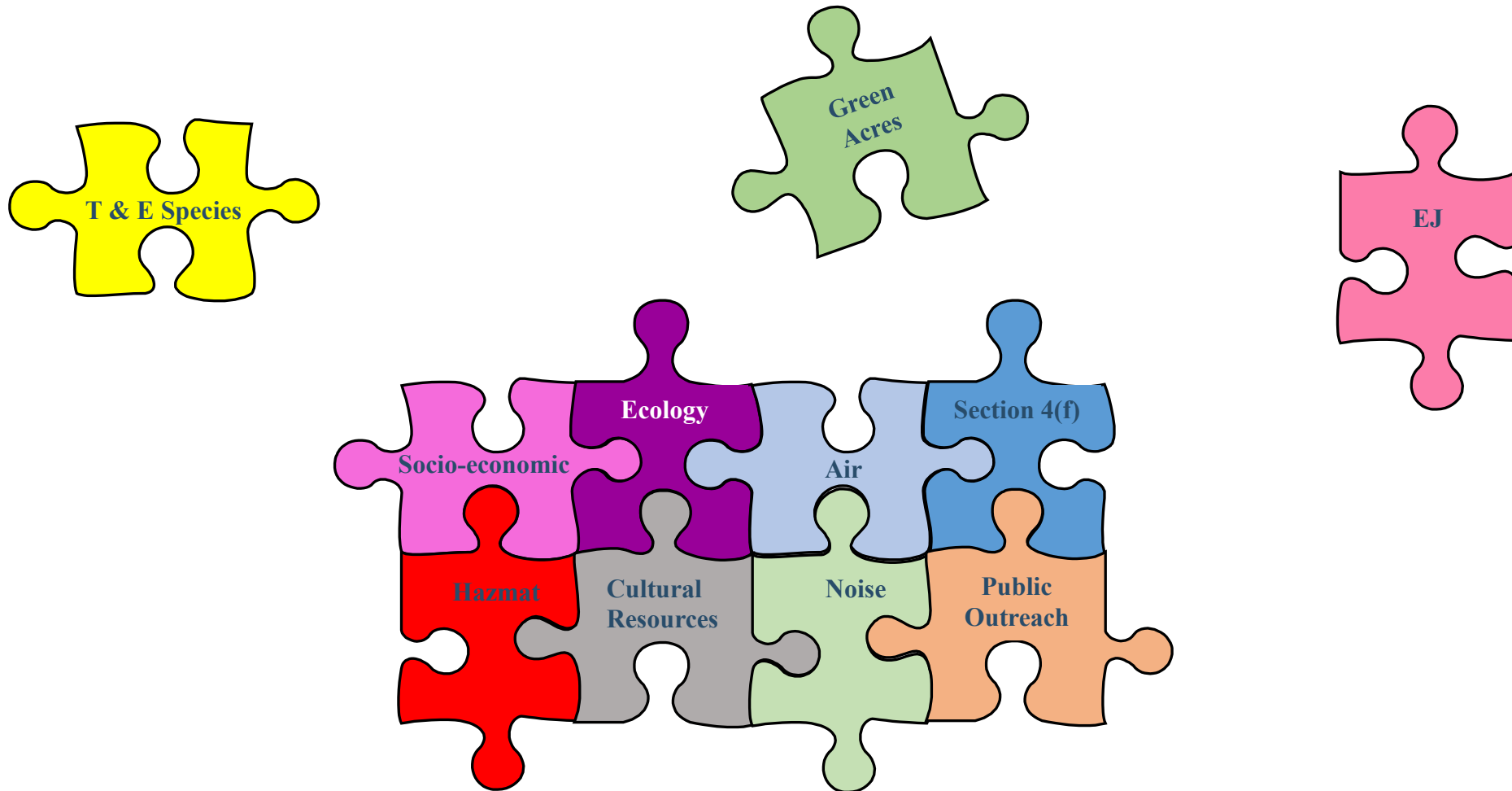


NEPA PROCESS FOR FHWA FUNDED PROJECTS

1. Assess the Social, Economic, and Environmental Impacts
2. Avoid, Minimize and Mitigate Environmental Impacts

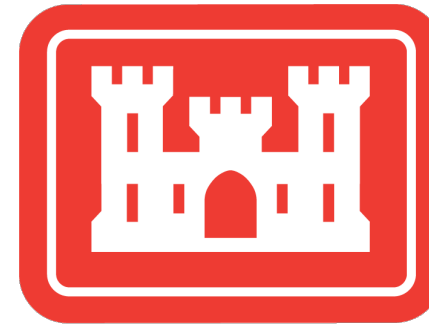


ENVIRONMENTAL DISCIPLINES



COORDINATION/APPROVALS FROM STATE & FEDERAL AGENCIES

- Federal Highway Administration
- NJ Permitting Agencies (i.e. NJDEP)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- U.S. Coast Guard
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- NOAA/NMFS
- USDOJ

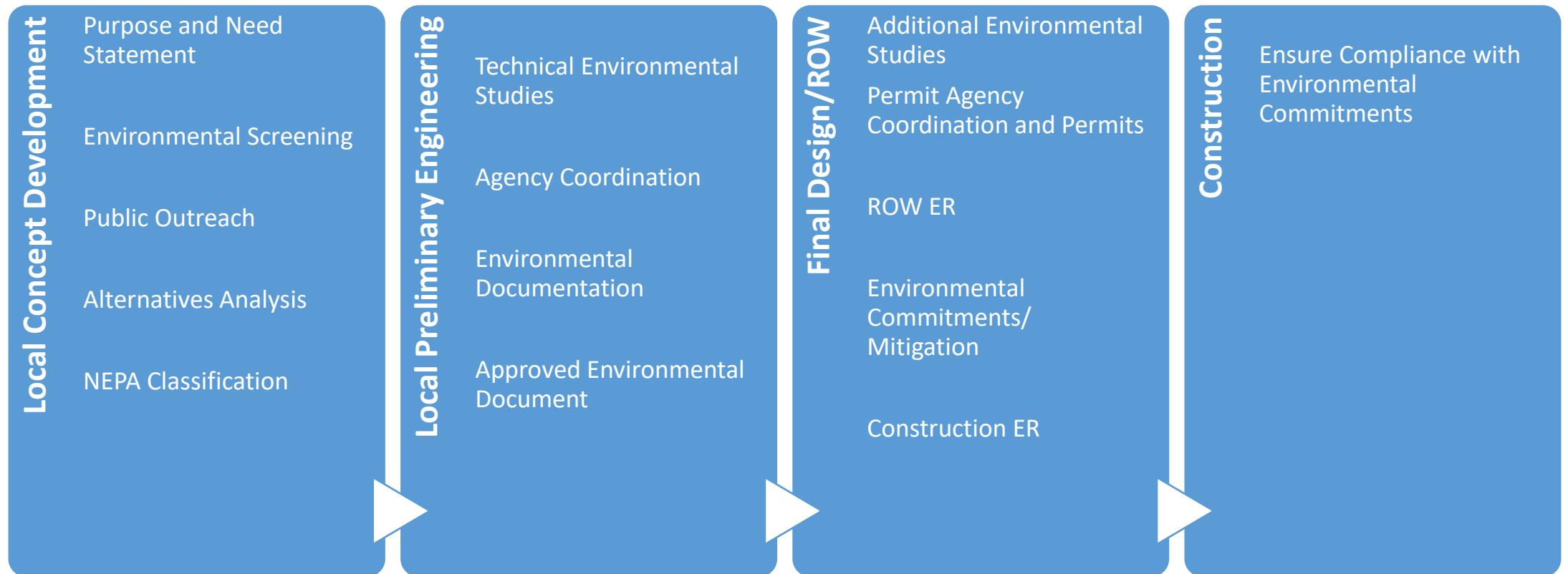


ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS FOR FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECTS

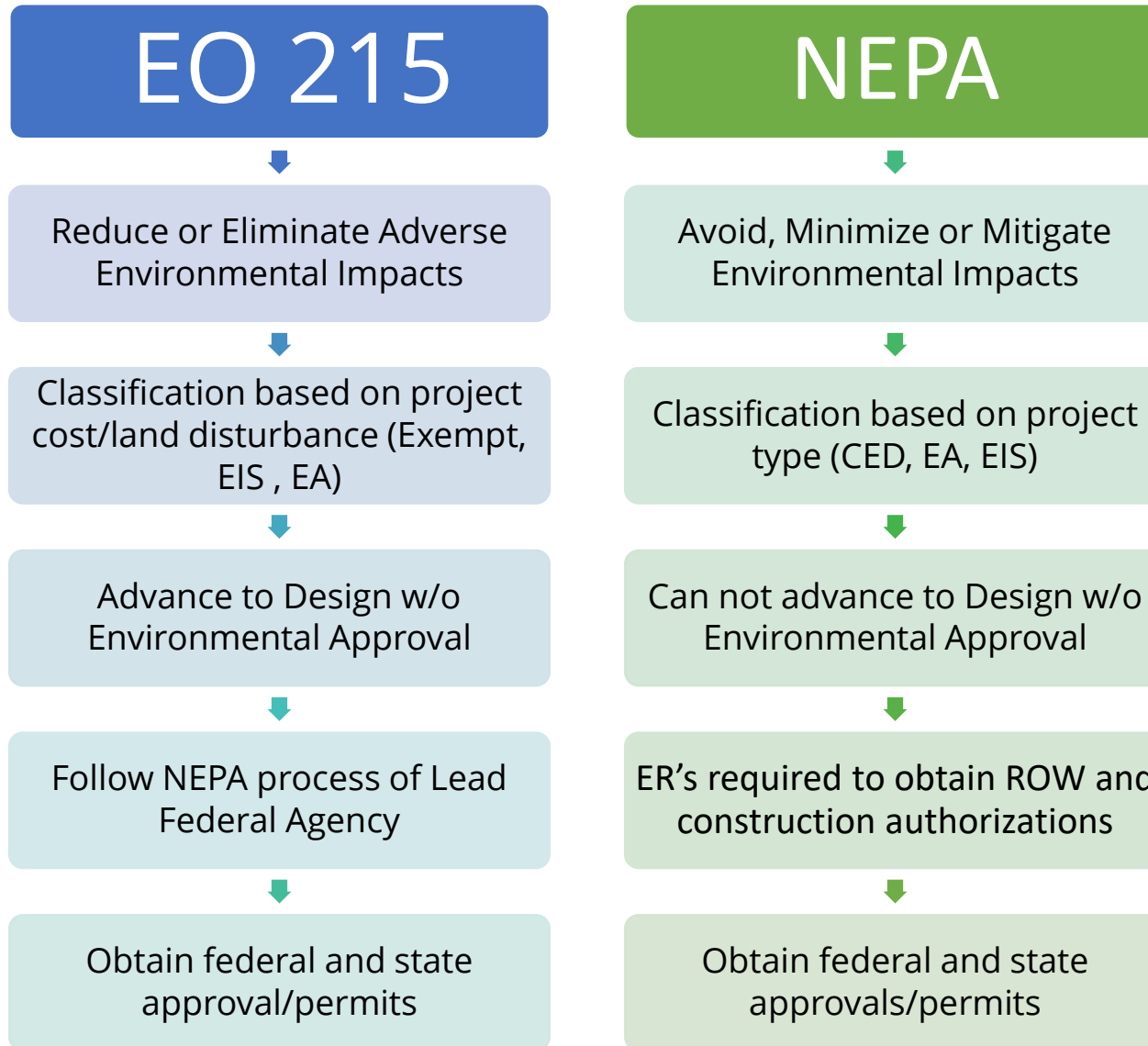
- Environmental Screening
- Technical Environmental Studies
(i.e. CR Studies, Section 4(f) Evaluation)
- MOA
- NEPA (Self- Cert CE, CE, EA/FONSI, EIS/ROD)
- Environmental Reevaluations
(Right-of-Way, Design Change
and Construction)
- Permit Applications, Green Acres and
HSC Applications
- Construction Environmental Checklist and
Environmental Plan Sheets



LOCAL PROJECT DELIVERY PROCESS



EO215 vs. NEPA



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