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Federal Bureau of Prisons

November 17, 2022

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

Proposed Federal Correctional Institution
and Federal Prison Camp
Letcher County, Kentucky



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WELCOME

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Remote Meeting Service

- Toll-free number: 877-829-8910, Conference Code: 857288
- Meeting link:

<https://wspusa.zoom.us/j/89605575889?pwd=RkZzUGhiMDdrYyt3M1lyVFJNcFZxQT09>

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Meeting Purpose

- Provide information regarding proposal to develop Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) and Federal Prison Camp (FPC) in Letcher County
- Solicit comments and input concerning proposal prior to preparation of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- Ensure compliance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other laws, regulations, and Executive Orders



Mission

" Protect society by confining offenders in the controlled environments of prisons and community-based facilities that are safe, humane, cost-efficient, appropriately secure, and provide work and other self-improvement opportunities to assist offenders in becoming law-abiding citizens."



Challenges

- Growing number of federal correctional facilities designed and constructed 50 to 100 years ago
 - Costly to maintain and operate
 - Don't conform to contemporary design standards and practices
 - Lack modern mechanical, electrical, plumbing systems and technologies
- Modern facilities provide improved living and working conditions with corresponding positive effect on institution operation, safety, and security



Objectives

- Develop new correctional institution to meet need for modern facilities and infrastructure
- Accommodate portion of federal inmate population
- Address need for new facility in Mid-Atlantic Region
- Comply with Congressional directive to conduct investigations necessary to develop new high-security correctional facility in Letcher County



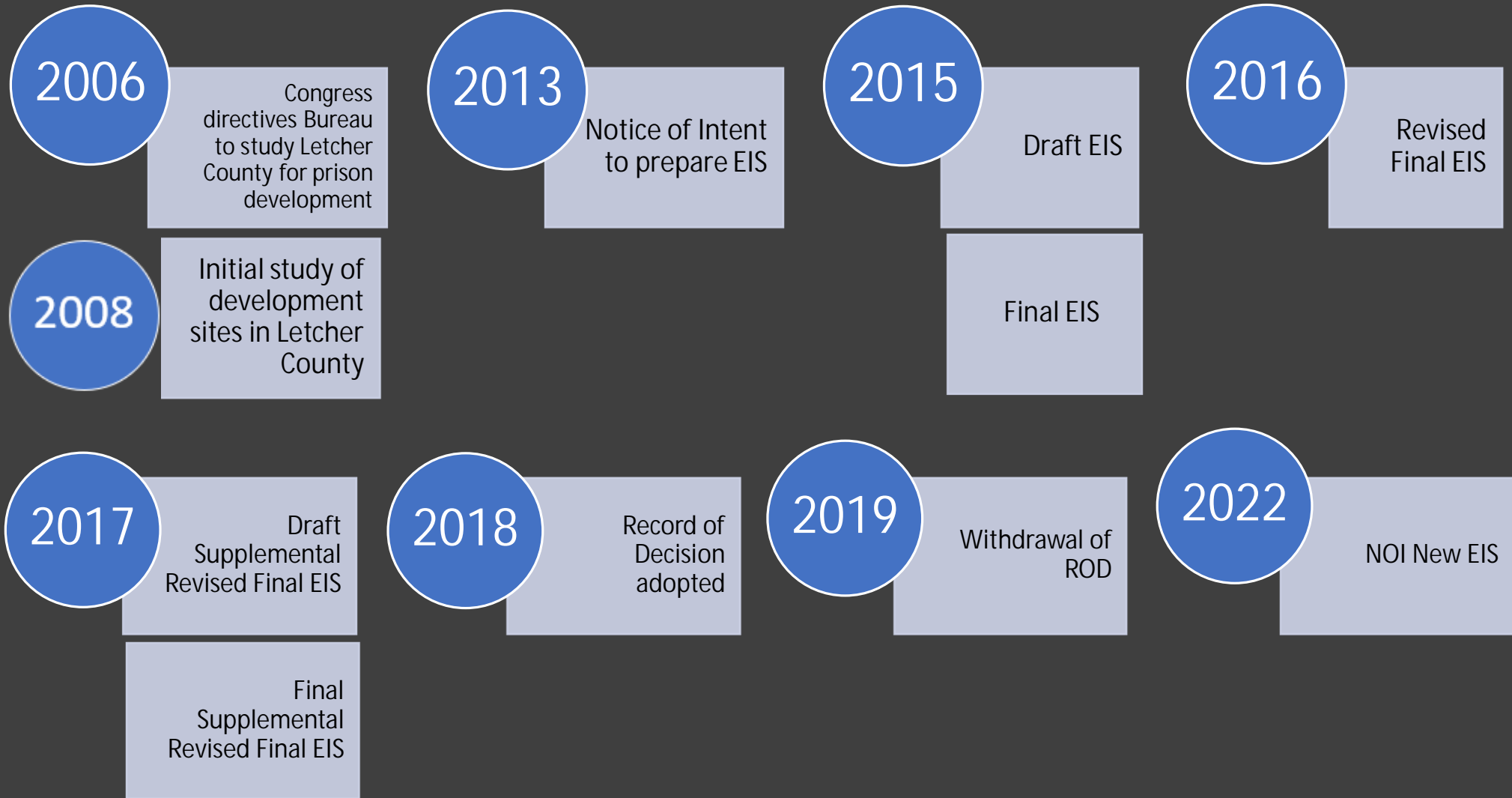
National Environmental Policy Act

NEPA became law 50+ years ago to:

- Increase awareness of the environment
- Encourage public to play role in protecting environment
- Require federal agencies to consider how actions affect environment
- Account for impacts in decision-making process
- Provide opportunities for public input concerning proposal and prior to preparation of Draft EIS



Chronology



Current Status

- Housing medium-security inmates supersedes need to house high-security inmates
- Design, construction, and operation of medium-security FCI differs from high-security penitentiary; potential environmental impacts correspondingly different
- Environmental consequences must be reconsidered
- Extensive volume of information already compiled about Letcher County and previously considered sites
- Although need to update and verify conditions, information available should expedite Draft EIS preparation



Medium-security Federal Correctional Institution



FCI Welch, West Virginia



Medium-security Federal Correctional Institution



FCI Welch, West Virginia



Minimum-security Federal Prison Camp



FPC Welch, West Virginia



Scope of Draft EIS

- Provide background and context for proposed project, NEPA, and process under which Draft EIS is prepared
- Purpose and need for new facility to house medium-security inmates within Mid-Atlantic Region
- Alternatives to developing project including No Action Alternative
- Conditions in and around project sites and Letcher County
- Analysis of potential project-related impacts
- Environmental Justice considerations
- Proposed sites from previous studies included in new EIS



Public Scoping Process

- Receive input and comments about proposed FCI and FPC and Draft EIS
- Not a Question & Answer session or referendum about project
- Focus remarks on proposed FCI and FPC, upcoming Draft EIS
- All written submissions and verbal remarks are part of public record



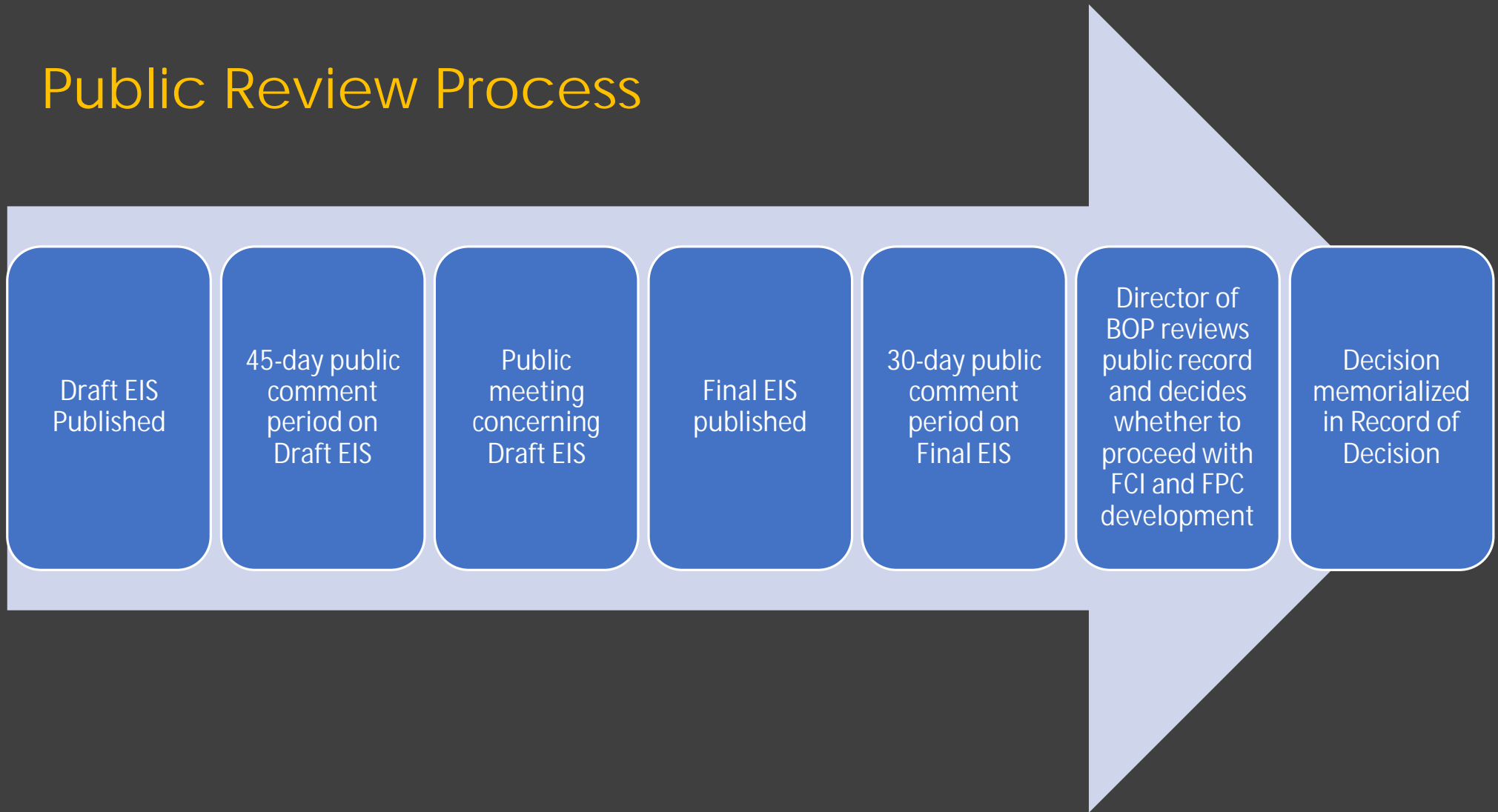
Project Website

- Facilitate communications about project and Draft EIS
- Provide access to:
 - Previous EISs and related documents
 - Communications including notices, announcements, calendars, meeting recordings, etc.
- Provide means to submit comments, questions, join email list, etc.

<https://www.proposed-fci-letchercountyky.com/>



Public Review Process



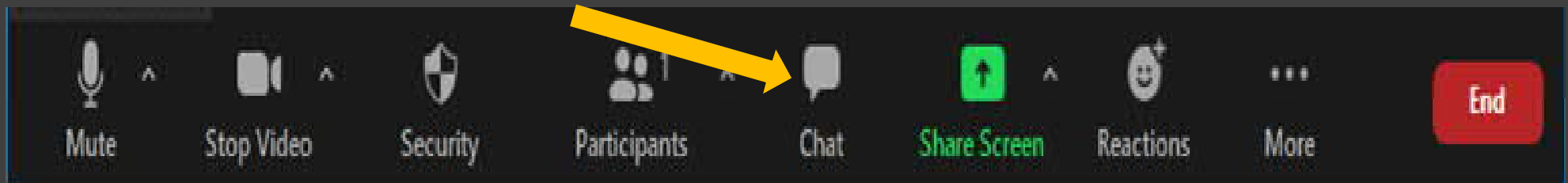
Public Portion of Scoping Meeting

In-person attendees:

- When called, come to microphone, state and spell name, offer verbal questions, comments, etc.

Remote attendees:

- Use “chat” icon to identify yourself and wait to be called upon. When called upon, state and spell your name for the record



- Keep remarks to 3-4 minutes, focus on project and Draft EIS



THANK YOU

