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**Overview of the NEPA Process**



# **NEW HORIZONS MISSION NEPA PROCESS**



# Draft EIS Public Comment Period

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- Period extends from 2/25/05 to 4/11/05
- Comments should be limited to environmental concerns and alternatives to the proposal
- Except for oral presentations at the public meetings, comments must be in writing



# Draft EIS Public Comment Period

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- Written comments can be:
  - Hardcopy letters (preferred)
  - Comment forms submitted at meetings (preferred)
  - Electronic mail
- Letters must be postmarked by April 11, 2005
- Written comments should be submitted with the understanding that NASA will publish them

# Final EIS

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- Will contain:
  - Text changes, as appropriate, to reflect comments on the Draft EIS
  - An Appendix with
    - Copies of written comments and NASA's responses
    - Summaries of concerns expressed orally and NASA's responses
  - Will be sent to those on the mailing list and also available over the internet



# Record of Decision

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- Issued no sooner than 30 days after issuance of the Final EIS
- Sent to those on the mailing list and will be on the internet
- Contains
  - NASA's decision
  - All alternatives considered
  - The environmentally preferable alternative
  - The factors that entered into the decision
  - The mitigation measures adopted