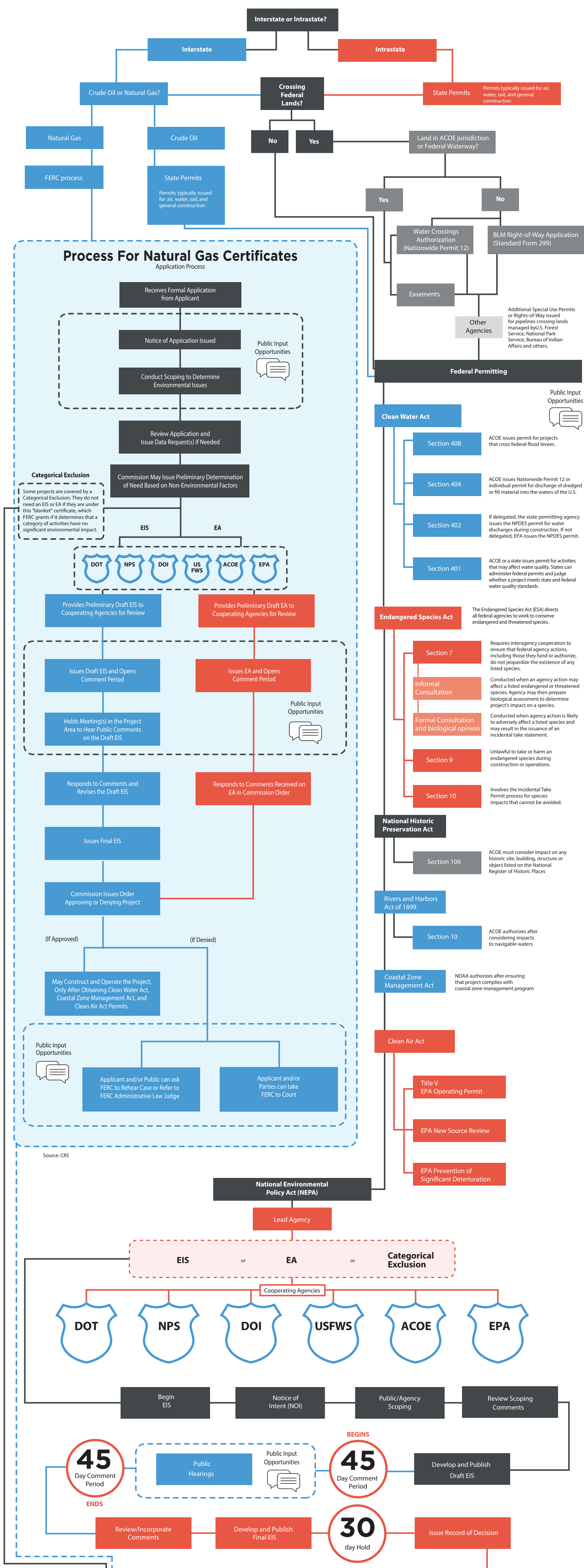


# Build Pipelines in America?

## Planning, Permitting and Patience



### Process For Natural Gas Certificates

Application Process

Receives Formal Application from Applicant

Notice of Application Issued

Public Input Opportunities

Conduct Scoping to Determine Environmental Issues

Review Application and Issue Data Request(s) if Needed

Commission May Issue Preliminary Determination of Need Based on Non-Environmental Factors

EIS

EA

DOT

NPS

DOI

US FWS

ACOE

EPA

Provides Preliminary Draft EIS to Cooperating Agencies for Review

Provides Preliminary Draft EA to Cooperating Agencies for Review

Issues Draft EIS and Opens Comment Period

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Public Input Opportunities

Holds Meeting(s) in the Project Area to Hear Public Comments on the Draft EIS

Responds to Comments and Revises the Draft EIS

Responds to Comments Received on EA in Commission Order

Issues Final EIS

Commission Issues Order Approving or Denying Project

(If Approved)

(If Denied)

May Construct and Operate the Project, Only After Obtaining Clean Water Act, Coastal Zone Management Act, and Clean Air Act Permits.

Public Input Opportunities

Applicant and/or Public can ask FERC to Rehear Case or Refer to FERC Administrative Law Judge

Applicant and/or Parties can take FERC to Court

Source: CRS

### National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

Lead Agency

EIS

EA

Categorical Exclusion

Cooperating Agencies

DOT

NPS

DOI

USFWS

ACOE

EPA

Begin EIS

Notice of Intent (NOI)

Public/Agency Scoping

Review Scoping Comments

45 Day Comment Period

ENDS

Public Hearings

Public Input Opportunities

45 Day Comment Period

BEGINS

Develop and Publish Draft EIS

Review/Incorporate Comments

Develop and Publish Final EIS

30 day Hold

Issue Record of Decision

#### Acronym key:

- ACOE – Army Corps of Engineers
- BLM – Bureau of Land Management
- DOI – Department of the Interior
- DOT – Department of Transportation
- EIS – Environmental Impact Statement
- ES – Environmental Statement
- EPA – Environmental Protection Agency
- FERC – Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- NOAA – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- NPDES – National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Statement
- NPS – National Park Service
- PHMSA – Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
- USFWS – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

# Pipeline construction can now begin!