

The Coordinated Interagency Transmission Authorizations and Permits (CITAP) Program Portal

User Guide for Project Proponents

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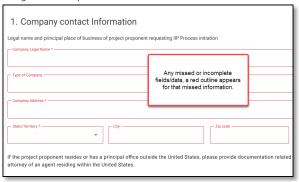
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Part 1: CITAP Portal Overview

System Requirements

- All CITAP Portal users must have a OneID account (see <u>Part 2</u> section for step-by-step instructions).
- Recommended browsers: Firefox, Chrome, Edge, and Safari.
- An asterisk (*) indicates a required field or attachment. Leaving a required field or attachment incomplete will generate a red outline or red alert indicator, as shown in the example images. below.

Image 1: Incomplete Fields





Orientation to Site Functionality

- Sign In/Sign Out buttons, located in upper right corner.
- Submit button
 - Press the **Submit** button only when the form is complete, and all attachments are uploaded and ready to be submitted.

IMPORTANT: Project proponents cannot edit the form after submission without requesting access from DOE.

Attachments

- Use Select File to locate and select a file or drag and drop into the Select File area. (NOTE: Upload one attachment at a time.)
 - NOTE: When attaching files (revised or multiple), the filenames must not be the same to keep them separate; otherwise, an error appears "A file with that name already exists" and cannot be uploaded.
- Use the + Add Attachment & Upload buttons to upload documents one at a time. (See image 2 showing steps and for acceptable file types.)
- Use the **Description** field to provide a brief description of the document for your reviewer.
 Description allows up to 25 characters. If uploading an extensive document, use the

Description field to note the page number(s) where the reviewer will find the relevant information.

• If a document is uploaded with an error, upload a corrected version. Include an explanatory note in the Description field and add the word "Revised". (See image 3)

Image 2: Add Attachments

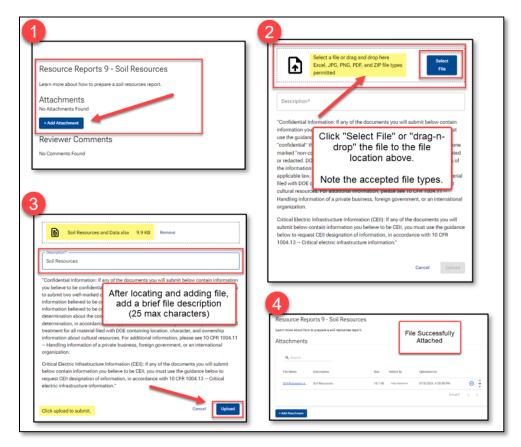
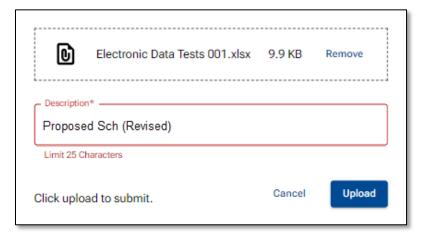


Image 3: Revised Attachment



Accepted File Types

Upload attachments in the following formats:

- MS Excel
- Adobe PDF
- JPG
- PNG
- ZIP

Communication with DOE

- Project proponents will communicate with the DOE reviewers using the email citap@hq.doe.gov.
- o Once a project ID number is assigned, include the ID number in all emails.
- Send a message to DOE when you submit each form, and when you upload revised attachments for sections marked **Deficient** by the reviewer.

Status Indicators

Status indicators are used throughout the portal to help users track their project and provide additional information as needed (e.g., uploading a revised document).

- Under review Materials have been submitted and are under review by DOE and/or other agencies. This applies to information submittals, meeting requests, and materials such as resource reports.
- Meets requirements The project proponent can proceed to the next step. This applies to various steps, including eligibility for the IIP Process, meeting requests and materials such as resource reports.
- Does not meet requirements The project is not eligible to use the IIP Process, based on the information provided.
- Deficient (Needs additional information) DOE will provide a justification, and the project proponent can provide revised documents that address DOE's concerns for review.

Under review

Meets requirements

Does not meet requirements

Deficient (Needs additional information)

Image 4: Status indicators

Editing Submitted Materials

- Project proponents may email DOE to request an edit to their information in the portal.
- Sample edit requests:
 - You would like to change your primary point of contact.
 - You uploaded an attachment by mistake and would like it to be removed.

 Email: <u>citap@hq.doe.gov</u> with your project record number, the requested edit, and the reason for the change.

Confidential and Sensitive Information

Confidential Information: If any of the documents you submit contain information you believe to be confidential and exempt from disclosure, you must use the guidance linked below to submit two well-marked copies, one marked "confidential" that includes all the information believed to be confidential, and one marked "non-confidential" with the information believed to be confidential deleted or redacted. DOE will make its own determination about the confidential status of the information and treat it according to its determination, in accordance with applicable law. Please note you must request confidential treatment for all material filed with DOE containing location, character, and ownership information about cultural resources. For additional information, please see 10 CFR 1004.11 -- Handling information of a private business, foreign government, or an international organization.

Critical Electric Infrastructure Information (CEII): If any of the documents you submit contain information you believe to be CEII, you must use the guidance linked below to request CEII designation of information, in accordance with 10 CFR 1004.13 -- Critical electric infrastructure information.

Project Dashboard and Overview Gantt Chart

Returning CITAP Portal users can click the **Projects** tab to find a dashboard view of all your projects.

- Each project is listed with a unique Record Number, assigned after the initiation request is submitted. (See image 5)
- Use the Project Overview Chart to review what stage your project is in (Image 6).

Use the +/- icons to expand/collapse the left navigation panel menu items. (Image 7)

Image 5: Project Dashboard



Image 7: Navigation Panel expand/collapse feature

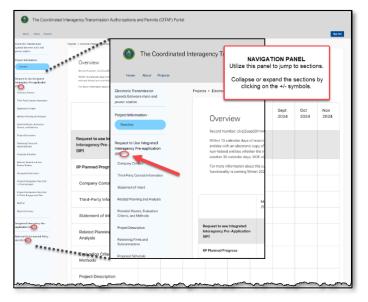


Image 6: Project Overview Chart



Part 2: Step-by-Step Instructions

Signing In

All CITAP Portal users **must** have a **OneID** account. You will be prompted to create a new account if you do not have OneID credentials.

- 1. Select the **Sign In** button on the CITAP Portal home page (image 8) to begin.
- 2. Agree to the DOE Unauthorized Use agreement (image 9) to continue.
- 3. Login using existing credentials or create a new account at the Login.Gov prompt:
 - a) **New users:** In the pop-up <u>Login.Gov</u> window (image 9), choose **Create an account** and complete account information accordingly. For account creation instructions, see user guide: https://www.login.gov/help/get-started/create-your-account/.
 - b) Existing Account Holders: In the pop-up window (image 10), choose **Sign in**. Use your preestablished **OneID** credentials.

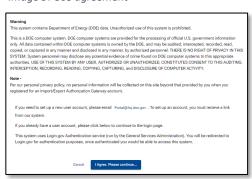
Image 8: CITAP homepage



Image 10: OneID



Image 9: Use agreement



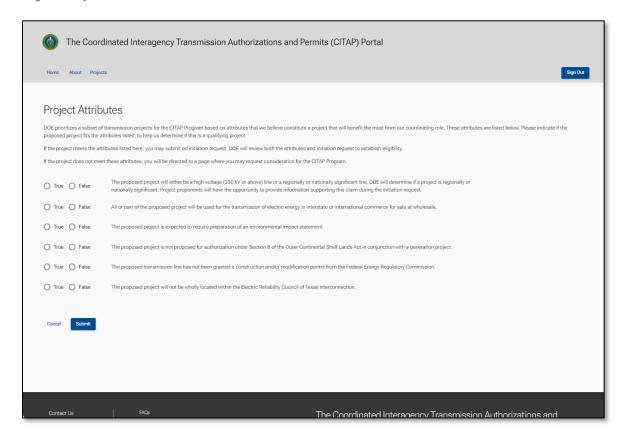
4. After successfully logging on, select **Begin a new project** from the home page.

Project Attributes

All project proponents must complete the **Project Attributes** questionnaire. These questions preliminarily establish if your project might be a qualifying project for the CITAP Program. Please note DOE will determin if your project is a qualifying project <u>after</u> reviewing your IIP Process Initiation Request.

Select **Submit** after answering all the questions and a results window will appear.

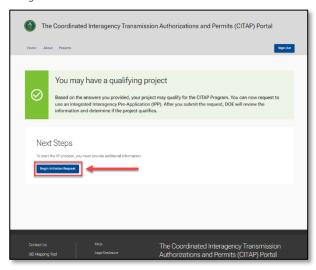
Image 11: Project attributes



Questionnaire Results

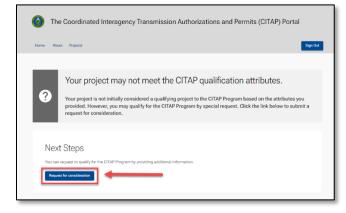
- 1. If all answers are true, you may have a qualifying project. DOE will verify eligibility during the next step of the CITAP process. (See image 12)
 - a. Select the **Begin Initiation Request** button to continue the process.

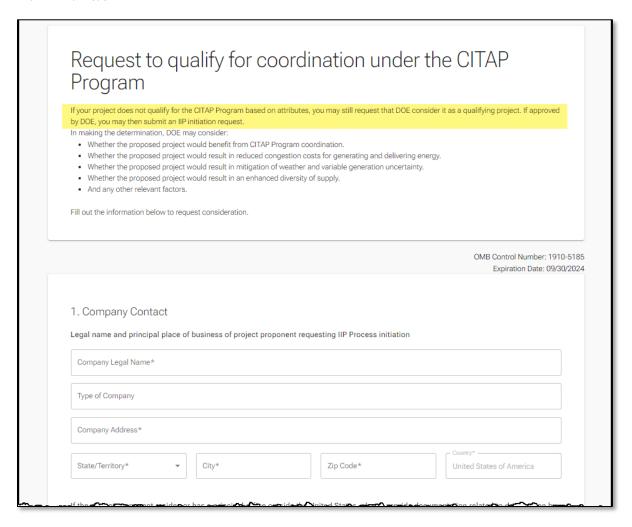
Image 12



- 2. If any answers were false, your project does not meet CITAP pre-qualification attributes; however, you can still request to use the process.
 - a. Select **Request for consideration** to open the form. (See image 13)
 - b. Fill in the form on the next page (see image 14) to provide DOE with more information on your project.
 - c. Email citap@hq.doe.gov once the form has been submitted and allow 30 calendar days for a response.

Image 13: Project does not meet CITAP pre-qualification.





Request to Use the IIP Process

During this phase, the project proponent will fill in information and provide the documents that allow the reviewers to evaluate if the project can use the Integrated Interagency Pre-Application (IIP).

Complete all required fields marked with an asterisk. An attachment *must be uploaded* to each question in order to submit the form.(See image 15)

Note: DOE has provided an additional resource to help complete Question 10 on Geospatial Information. https://gem.anl.gov/tool/citap

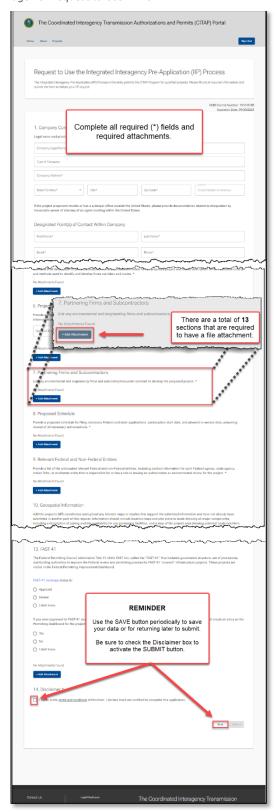
Remember to click **Save** intermittently; however, you must use the **Submit** button to issue the request.

To activate the *Submit* button, user must first check the Disclaimer box near bottom of the page.

Click **Submit** once the form is completed and all attachments are included, as applicable.

- IMPORTANT: The page will lock after submission and the project proponent will be unable to upload new attachments, delete attachments, or edit fields, without requesting access from DOE. For example, if the point of contact at your company changes, email <u>citap@hq.doe.gov</u> to request to edit that field.
- All required information must be completed before a form can be submitted. Review sections looking for any red outlined boxes to identify missing data.

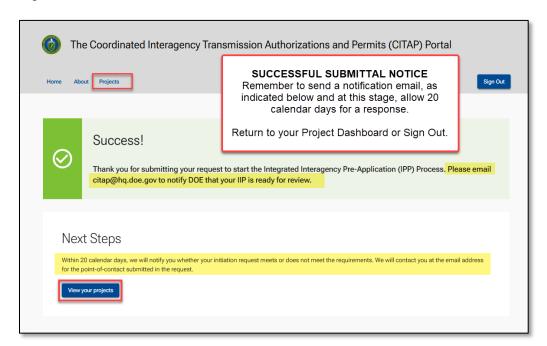
Image 15: Request to Use IIP Form



Successful Submittal

Upon submitting the request, project proponents should see a Success notice, as shown in image 16. It is still your responsibility to email the CITAP program at citap@hq.doe.gov to notify DOE. Allow 20 calendar days for a response.

Image 16: Success notice

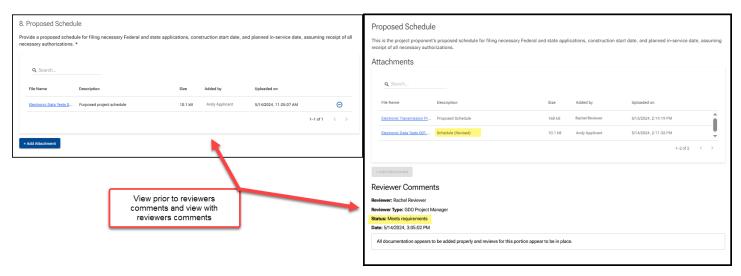


Review Period

Once you have successfully submitted the request form, the documents you uploaded will automatically appear on the corresponding page under Attachments. During this phase, the project proponent will correspond with DOE to provide all remaining information required to use the IIP.

Within 20 days of the receipt of the IIP Process Initiation Request, the DOE reviewer will respond with comments on each page and may attach documents for the project proponent's review. (See example image 17.)

Image 17: Receiving comments from reviewers

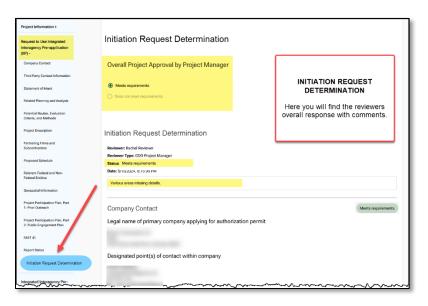


If any sections are marked **Deficient**, read the comments to learn what missing information is needed. Make the revisions, upload any revised documents, then email citap@hq.doe.gov to notify your reviewer.

Initiation Request Determination

Navigate to the **Initiation Request Determination** page to see all comments and attachments transmitted from DOE. The image below is a preview of a generated Initiation Request Determination:

Image 18: Initiation Request Determination



At the top of the form, the DOE reviewer will indicate the overall status of the Request to Use IIP. The status indicators are:

- Meets requirements The project is proceeding to the next step.
- **Does not meet requirements** The project is not eligible for IIP, based on the information provided. DOE will provide a justification for the determination. Project proponents can return to the homepage to begin again with a new or revised project.

Scroll through the **Initiation Request Determination** to view the status of each section in the request.

If the project is marked **Meets Requirements**, DOE will notify the project proponent and schedule an initial meeting for the IIP Process.

IIP Process

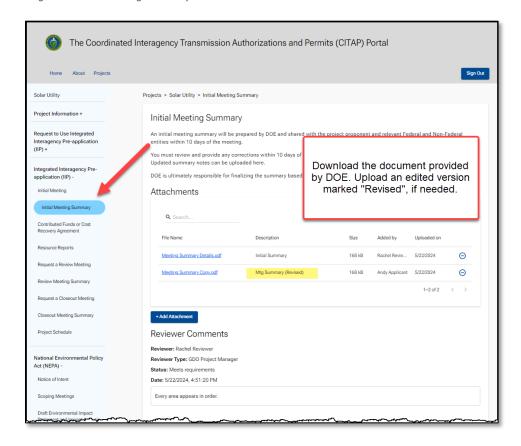
The IIP Process is an iterative process anchored by three meetings: the Initial Meeting, the Review Meeting, and the Closeout Meeting. These meetings are milestones in the process and do not preclude any additional meetings or communications between the project proponent and the relevant Federal entities.

Initial IIP Meeting and Meeting Summary

The Initial meeting will be scheduled by the DOE reviewer. Following the meeting, the project proponent should visit the "Initial Meeting Summary" page to download the summary provided by DOE. (See image 19)

Project proponents may provide any corrections within 10 days of DOE sharing the summary. Use the **+** *Add Attachment* button to upload an annotated version of the summary.

Image 19: Initial Meeting Summary

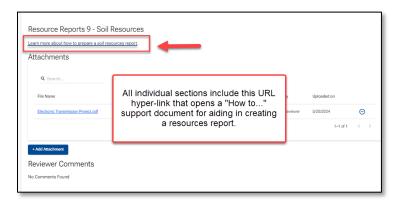


Resource Reports

Upload documents supporting 13 resource reports. Take care to upload your files into the correct section on the page to ensure reviewers receive your documents.

To download individual resource report requirements and instructions, click the hyperlinked resource report file name (as shown in image 20).

Image 20: Resource Report requirements



Add Attachments

Select the **+ Add Attachment** button within the chosen section, then give the file a descriptive title for the reviewer. (NOTE: Upload one file at a time.) See images 21-24.

Image 21: Add attachment



Image 23: Add description and upload

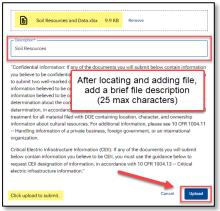


Image 22: Select your file

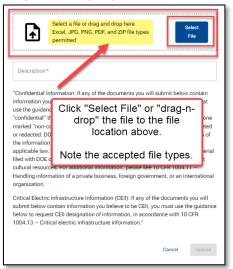


Image 24: File attached

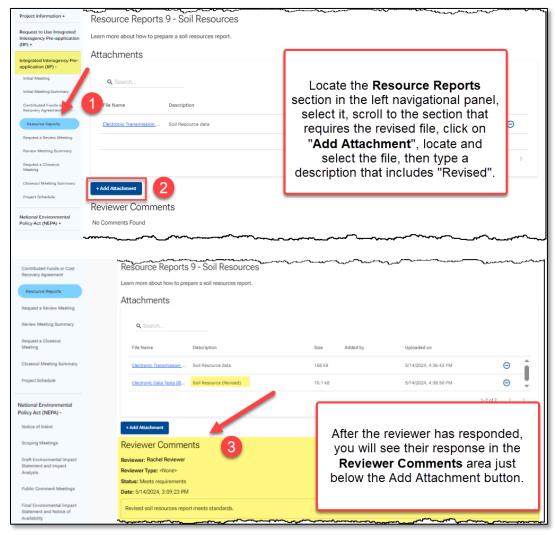


Revised Attachments

DOE may provide feedback on the initial Resource Reports that warrant a revised submittal. Locate the left navigation menu and select the *Resource Reports* page. Scroll to the section where a revision attachment is needed. (See image 25)

Select **+** *Add Attachment*, locate and select the revised file to attach, and type a description identifying this is a "revised" file, as shown in example image 25. Again, upload one file at a time. NOTE: You will not be permitted to delete any existing attachments, only add new attachments (remember to modify the filename for the revised file to avoid a "file exists" error).





Request an IIP Review Meeting

Fill out the information on the Request a Review Meeting form. All attachments must be uploaded to the Resource Reports form and Request a Review Meeting to move forward.

Project proponents must notify DOE when they are ready for a review meeting by emailing citap@hq.doe.gov. There is no **Submit** button during this iterative process.

NOTE: While the forms are still editable at this time, making changes or adding new documents can extend the review period and impact the project timeline.

Sending the email marks the beginning of a 60-day period for Federal/non-Federal to

review and determine if the project is eligible for a review meeting. Reviewers will add comments to the CITAP portal pages (see image 27).

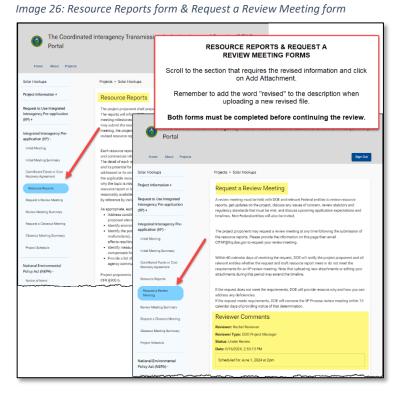
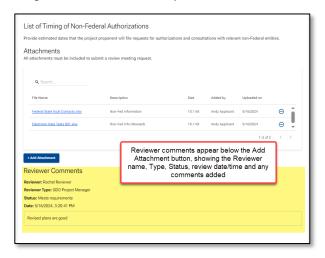


Image 27: Reviewer comments by section



On the Review Meeting request page, the DOE reviewer will communicate whether the project is ready for a review meeting. Project proponent will see the status of the project marked as one of two options:

- Meets requirements
- Does not meet requirements
- Deficient (Needs more information)

If a section is marked **Deficient**, project proponents can upload additional information on the following two pages:

- Resource Reports
- Request a Review Meeting

See image 25 for a model of uploading revised Resource Reports.

Email citap@hq.doe.gov as you upload revised resource reports and the Review Meeting Request. Note that this activity will extend the IIP timeline.

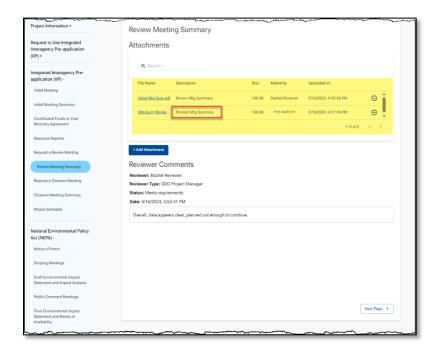
Once the request is marked as **Meets requirements**, DOE will reach out to schedule the IIP Review Meeting.

IIP Review Meeting Summary

The DOE reviewer will transmit a summary of feedback from the review meeting on this page. Download the summary for guidance on revising the IIP documents or providing additional documents.

Project proponents must review and provide any corrections within 10 days of DOE sharing the summary. Upload an annotated version of the summary using the **+** *Add Attachment* button. Remember to add the word "revise" or "revision" to the file description.

Image 28: Review Meeting Summary



Closeout Meeting Request

Use this page to upload documents revised during the IIP process.

If resource reports need to be revised, upload them to the **IIP Resource Reports** page.

All attachments must be uploaded to the form to request a closeout meeting.

Once the form is complete, email <u>citap@hq.doe.gov</u> to request an IIP closeout meeting.

After the email is sent, Federal/non-Federal entities will review and determine if the project is eligible for a closeout meeting. Reviewers will add comments to the CITAP portal pages.

Image 30: Without Comments



Within 60 days of receiving the email, the DOE reviewer will determine whether the project is ready for a closeout meeting. Project proponents will see the status of the project marked as one of three options:

- Meets requirements
- Deficient (needs more information)

Project proponents can upload additional information on the following two pages:

- Resource Reports
- Closeout Meeting Request

Email citap@hq.doe.gov once revisions are made. Note that this will extend the IIP timeline.

Once the request is marked as **Meets requirements**, DOE will schedule the Closeout Meeting.

Image 29: Request a Closeout Meeting

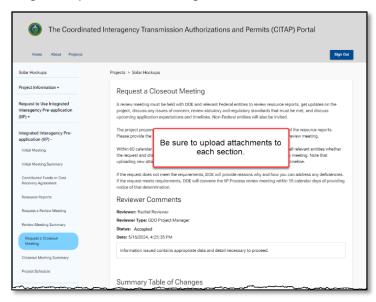
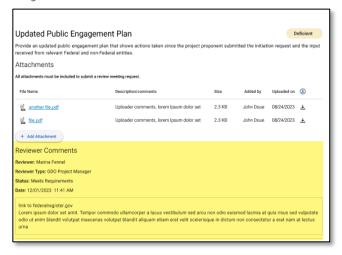


Image 31: With Reviewer Comments

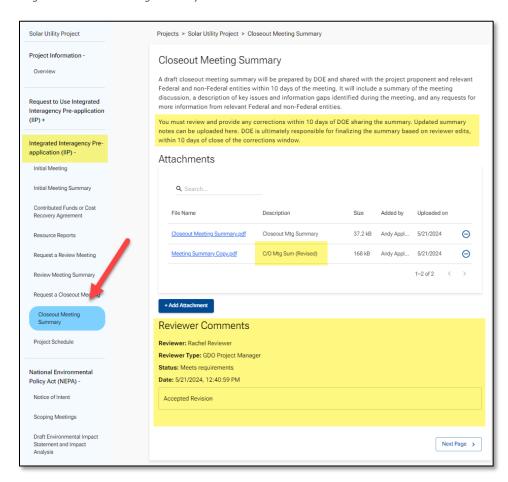


IIP Closeout Meeting Summary

The DOE reviewer will transmit a summary of feedback from the closeout meeting on this page. Download the summary for guidance on revising the IIP documents or providing additional documents.

Project proponents must review and provide any corrections within 10 days of DOE sharing the summary. Upload an annotated version of the summary using the **+** *Add Attachment* button. Remember to add the word "revise" or "revision" to the file description.

Image 32: Closeout Meeting Summary



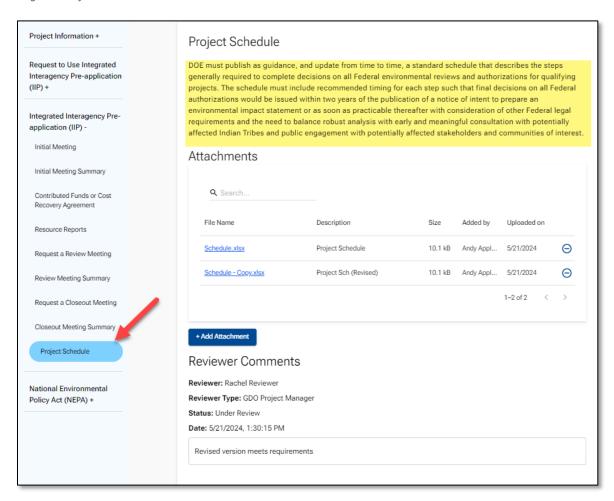
The IIP closeout meeting concludes the IIP Process.

Project-Specific Schedule

There is no action for the project proponent on this page.

DOE will provide a schedule for the next phase of the review process, and project proponents download the schedule from the Attachments.

Image 33: Project Schedule

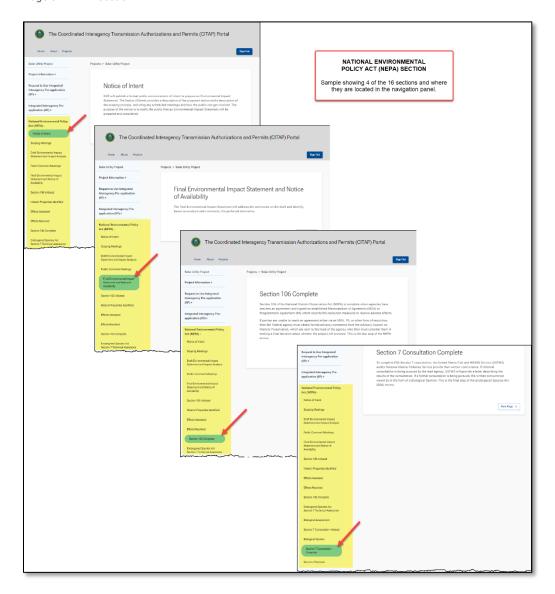


NEPA Section

While the project proponent is in the IIP Process, these 16 pages are **read only** with no option to upload documents.

Users may move through the pages to preview upcoming steps in the process.

Image 34: NEPA Section



Part 3: Additional resources

- About CITAP: https://www.energy.gov/gdo/coordinated-interagency-transmission-authorizations-and-permits-program
- Contact us: citap@hq.doe.gov
- Geospatial Energy Mapper: https://gem.anl.gov/tool/citap