

(10) Procedure for the Draft EIS

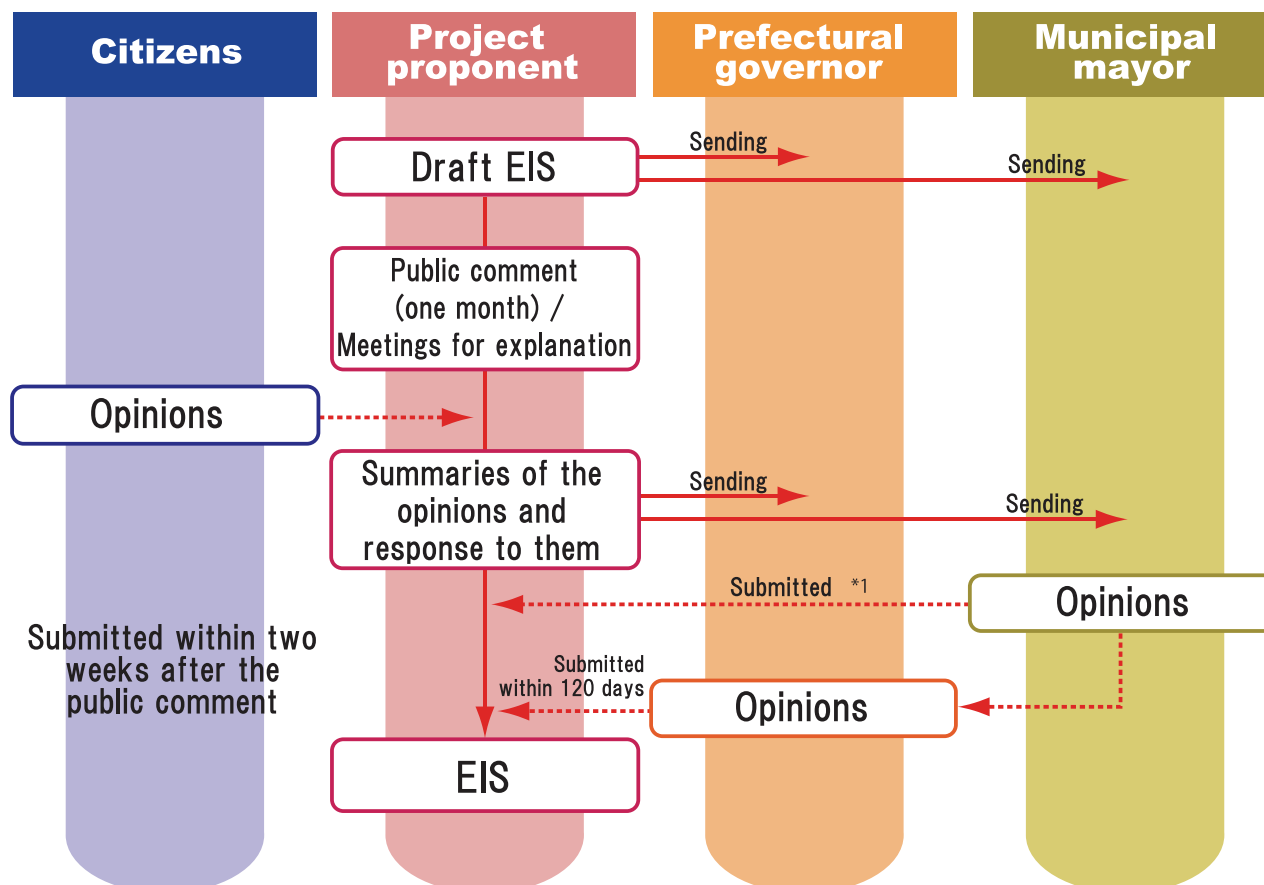
After the survey, forecast and evaluation are completed, the next procedure is to listen to opinions concerning the results of the assessment.

The project proponent prepares a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that describes the assessment results and his/her approach to addressing environment protection, and sends it to the prefectural governor and the municipal mayors. The proponent also publicly notifies the document and allows anyone to see it at local government offices, the proponent's offices and on websites for a period of one month. Within this period, due to the thick volume and specialized contents of the Draft EIS, meetings are also held to explain the contents of the Draft EIS to the public.

Anyone who has an opinion about the Draft EIS can make a submission concerning environmental protection.

The project proponent sends the summaries of those opinions and his/her response to them to the prefectural and municipal governments. Later, the prefectural governor expresses his/her opinion after hearing the opinions from the municipal mayors, while also taking account of the opinions from the general public.

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*1 : The mayor of each city specified by Cabinet Order can directly submit his/her opinions if the extent of the environmental impact is restricted within the area of the city.

* : Cities specified by Cabinet Order: Sapporo, Sendai, Saitama, Chiba, Yokohama, Kawasaki, Sagami-hara, Niigata, Shizuoka, Hamamatsu, Nagoya, Kyoto, Osaka, Sakai, Suita, Kobe, Amagasaki, Hiroshima, Kitakyusyu and Fukuoka