

(11) Procedure for the EIS

After the procedure for the Draft EIS is completed, the project proponent examines the opinions of the prefectural governor and the public about the Draft EIS, reviews it and makes the EIS.

After completion, the EIS is sent to the issuer of licenses etc. (for example, to the Minister of Infrastructure, Land, Transport and Tourism in case of road or airport projects), as well as to the Minister of the Environment, and it is examined from the viewpoint of environmental protection. The Minister of the Environment states his/her opinion to the issuer of licenses etc. The issuer of licenses etc. considers the opinions of the Minister of the Environment, and then presents his/her opinion to the project proponent.

The project proponent reviews the EIS taking into account those opinions, makes the final EIS and sends it to the prefectural governor, the municipal mayors, and the issuer of licenses etc. He/she also publicly notifies the document and allows anyone to review it at local government offices, the proponent's offices and on websites, etc. for a period of one month.

Until the final EIS is made to the public, the project proponent cannot implement any part of the project.

