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Subject: Longest time Environmental Impact Statement has taken

QUESTION

What is the longest amount of time an EIS has taken from beginning to end in this reporting period?

ANSWER

Environmental impact statement (EIS) is the highest level of environmental impact assessment. This process is reserved for the most significant and complex proposals.

Three EISs were completed in this reporting period.

Ranging from 26 – 41* months to complete.

*The Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project EIS started under the former Environmental Assessment Act in August 2016, however that assessment was not completed, and an alternative proposal was submitted in September 2019. That assessment took 41 months to complete.