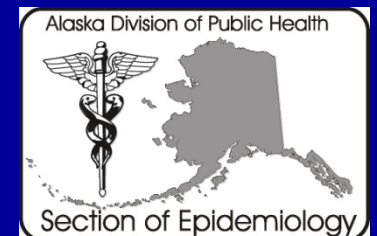


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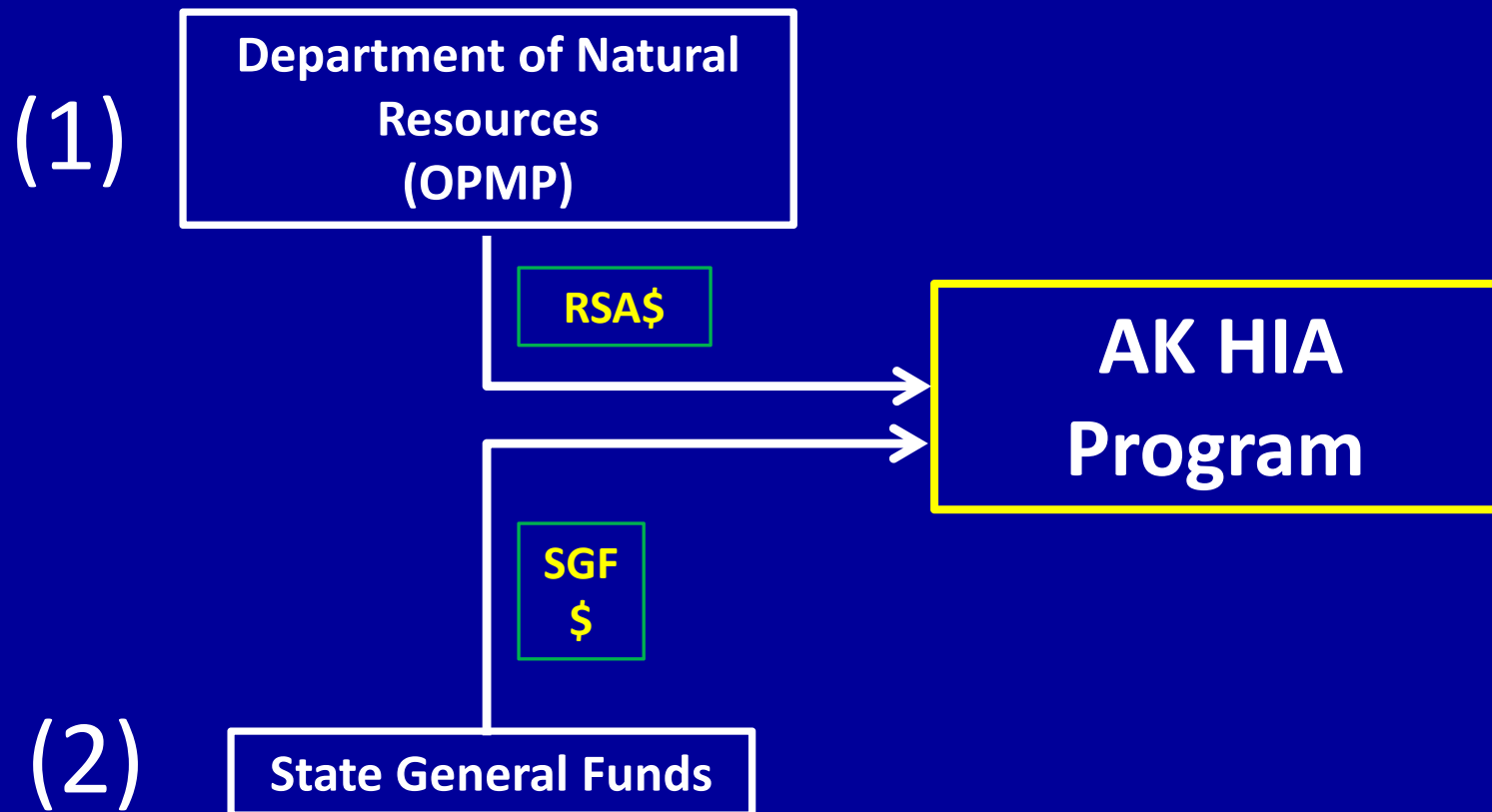
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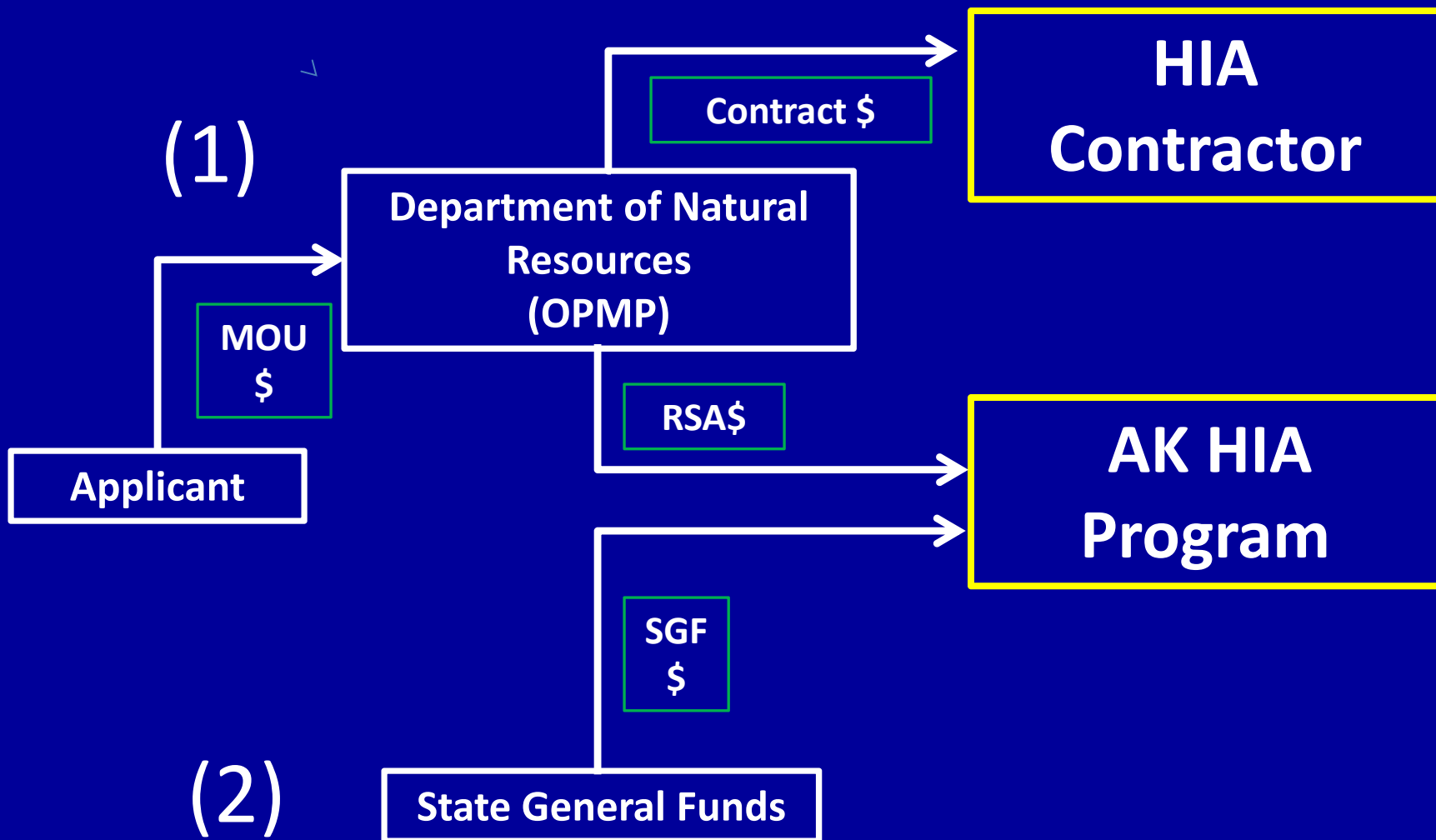
## **2 Institutionalized HIA Programs**

- **North Slope Borough HIA Program**
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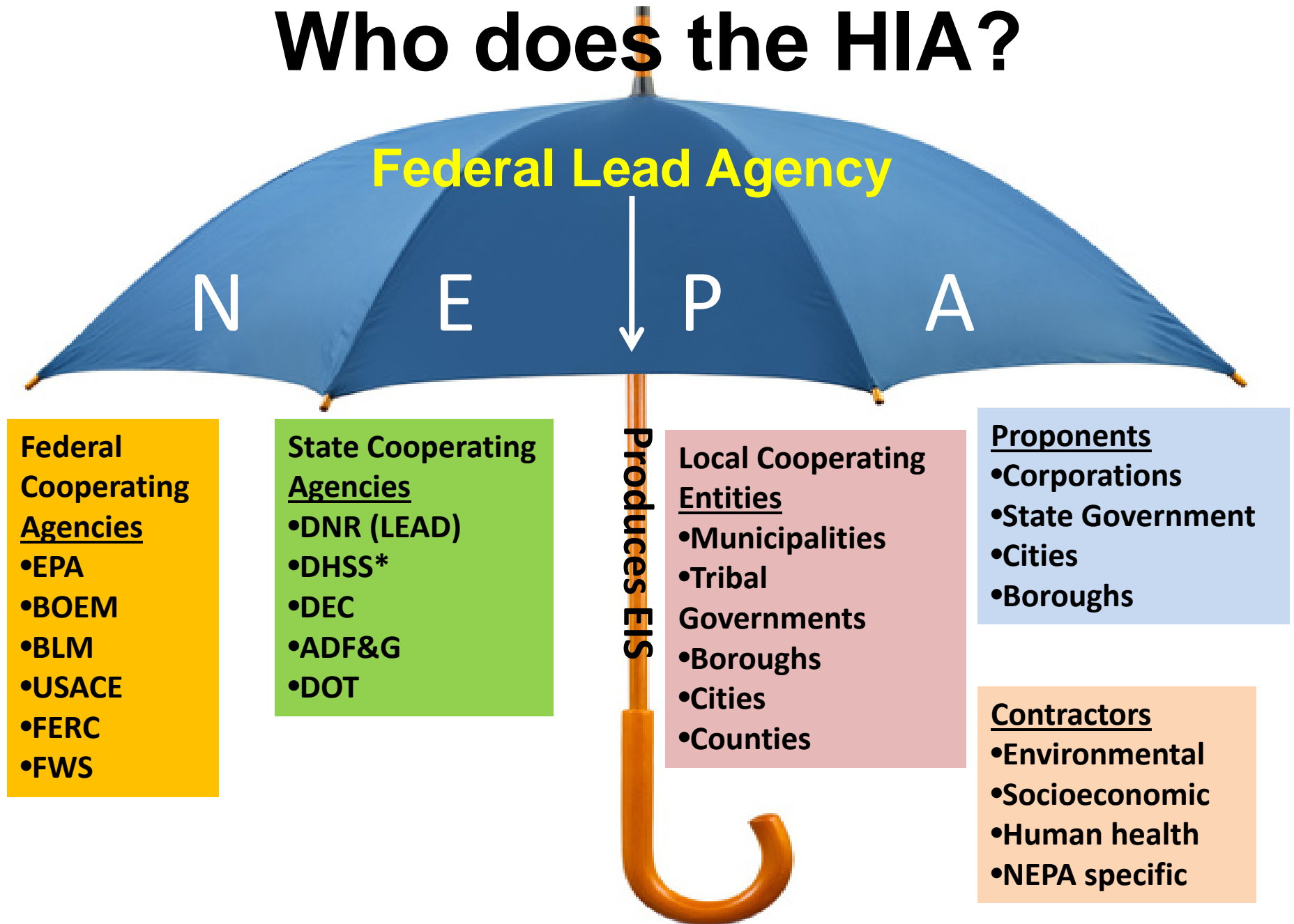
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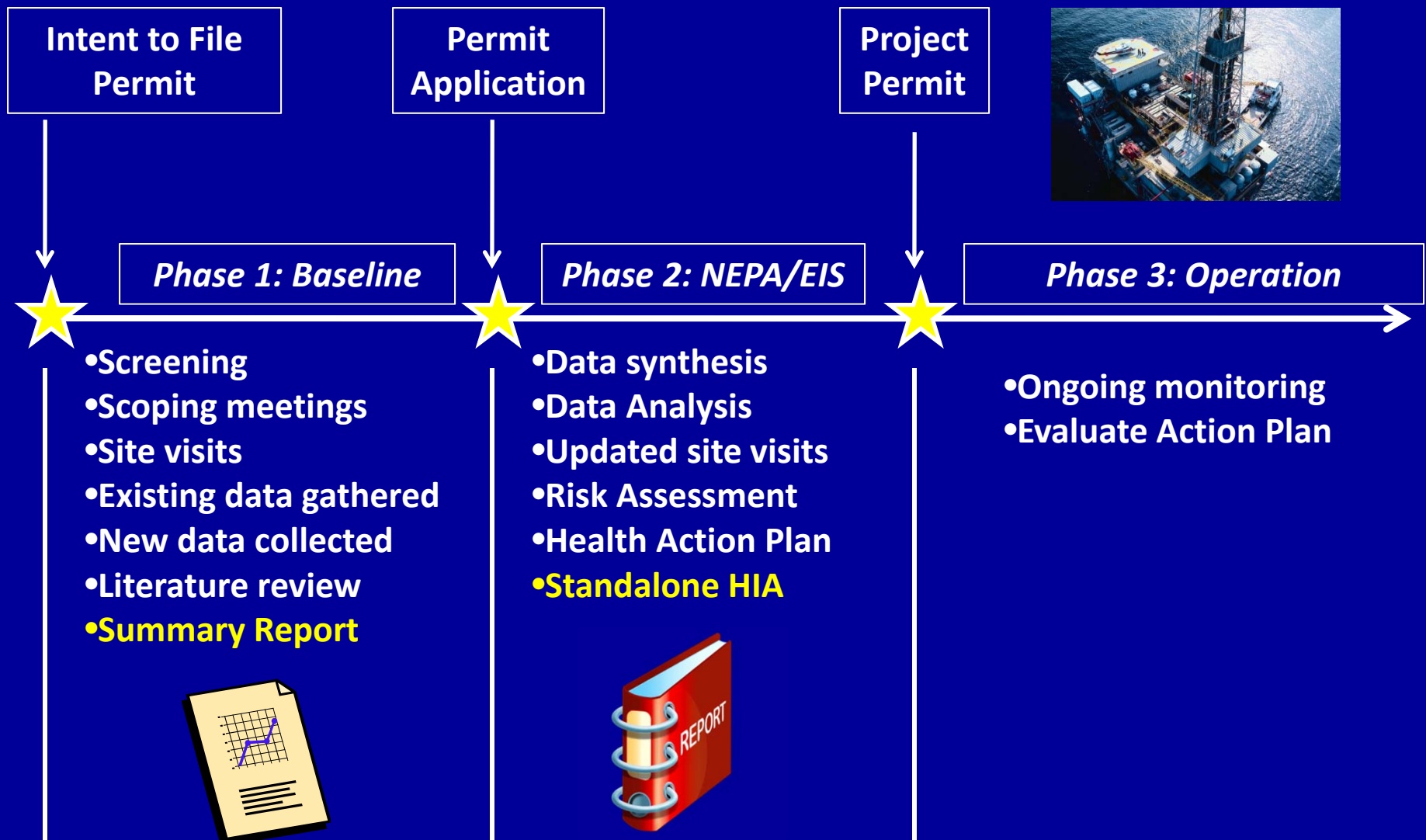
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# Who does the HIA?



# NEPA and HIA





# Observation 1

- **Federal agencies are requesting HIA**
  - **Considered “best practice”**
  - **Prefer HIA from an institutionalized source**
  - **“Require” it in some cases**



# Observation 2

- **Applicants will use institutionalized HIA**
  - EPA/ANTHC (Federal \$)
  - USACE/State HIA Program (Applicant \$)
  - **Provides**
    - Third party (Agency X)
    - Transparency

# Observation 3

- **Communities are receptive to institutionalized HIA program**
  - **Reputation of HSS**
  - **Familiarity with NEPA**

# Observation 4

- **NEPA naturally accommodates and informs HIA**
  - **Inclusion of “Public Health” section**
  - **Benefits from supporting studies**
    - **Transportation**
    - **Socioeconomics**
    - **Subsistence and traditional knowledge (TK)**

# Challenges

- **Program integrity**
- **HIA awareness**
- **“mitigations”**
- **Urban planning and policy HIA**

# Questions?

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