



The Final GEIS

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Purpose of the GEIS

- Avoid unnecessary duplicative efforts in reviews of ISL applications
- Identify issues of concern to focus on in site-specific environmental reviews
- Allow option for use/continued use of ISL process in uranium recovery

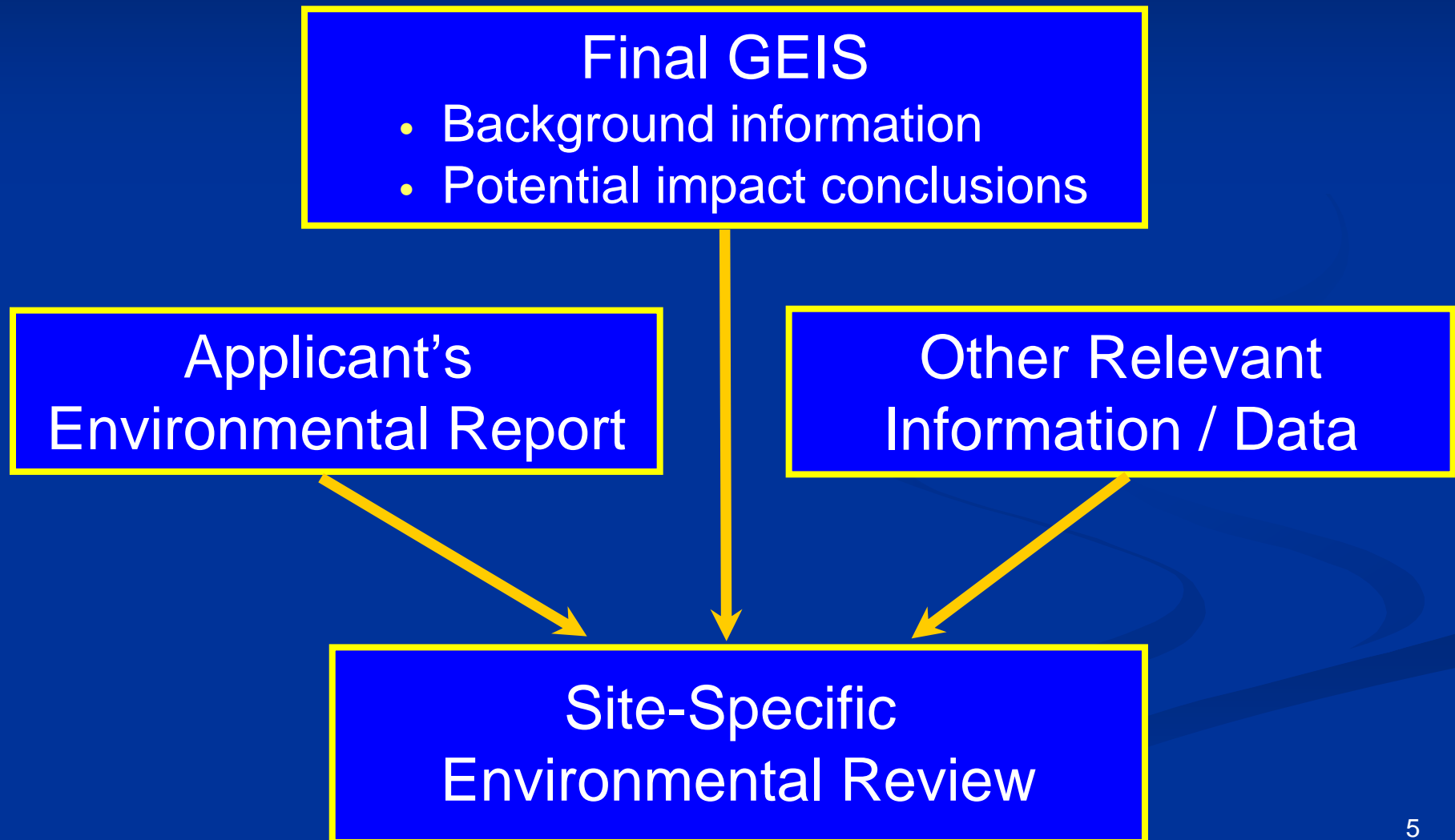
Need for the GEIS

- Volume of expected applications for new ISL licenses, restarts and expansions of existing ISL facilities
- Environmental review required for each of these types of licensing actions

Scope of the GEIS

- Address the construction, operation, aquifer restoration, and decommissioning of an ISL facility
- Evaluate potential environmental impacts to 13 specific resource areas

Use of the GEIS



Public Comments on Draft GEIS

- Draft GEIS issued on July 28, 2008. Public comments received through November 7, 2008
- Approximately 2,200 comments identified
- Comments focused predominantly on purpose & need for the GEIS, use of the GEIS, regulatory issues, and groundwater issues

Revisions to the GEIS

- Clarified purpose and need
- Clarified use of GEIS in site-specific reviews
- Clarified proposed action and alternatives
- Added that an SEIS will be conducted for new ISL site-specific reviews
- Clarified when draft EAs may be issued for public comment
- Clarified groundwater restoration standards