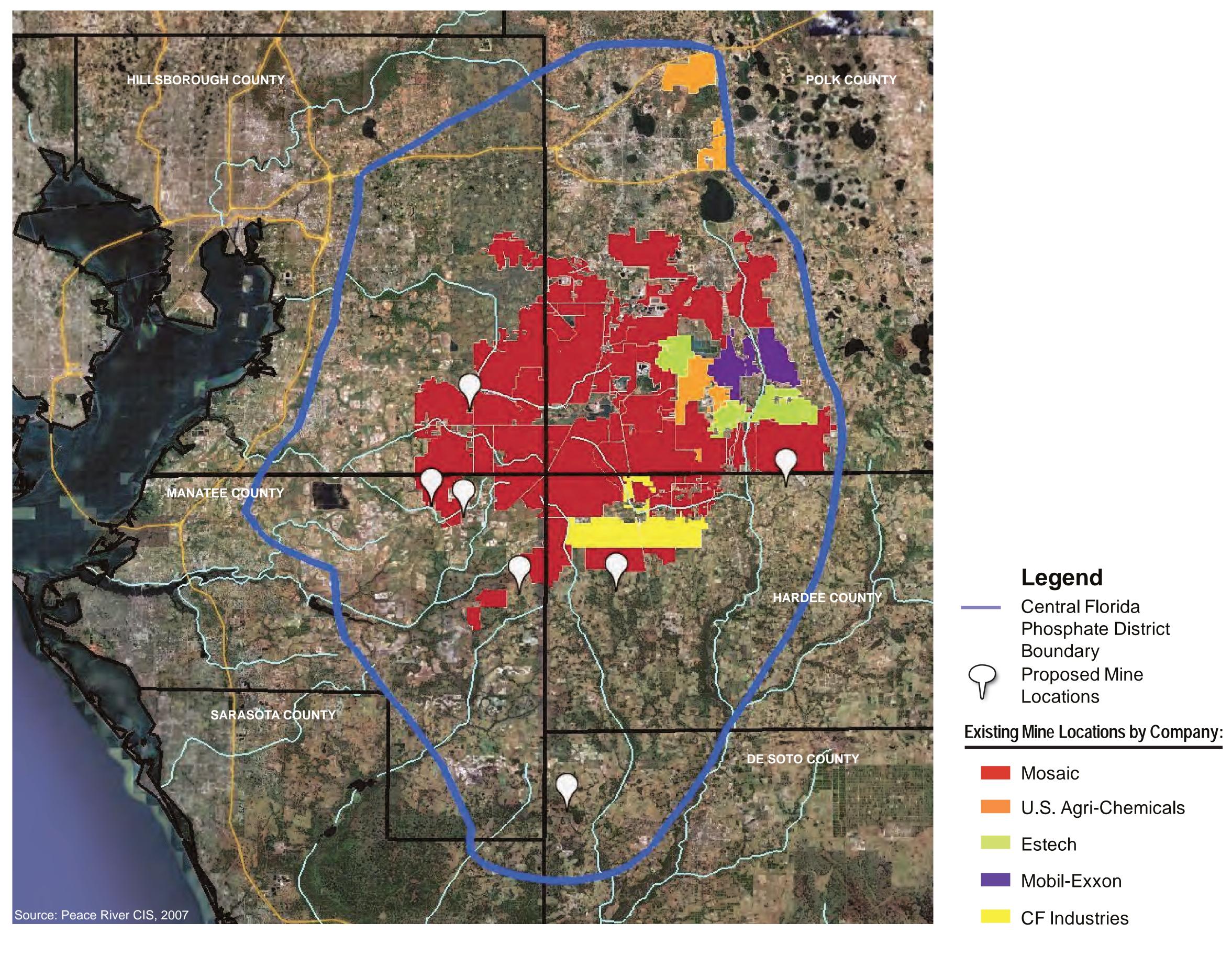
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#### **Decision Process**

Scoping



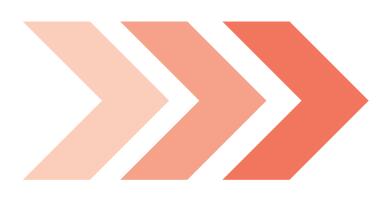
Understand problems and issues

Alternatives Development and Analysis



ID most promising alternatives to address problems and issues

Draft Environmental Document (DEIS)



Understand impacts and mitigation options

Select Preferred
Alternative



Determine best way to address problems and issues

Final Environmental Document (FEIS)

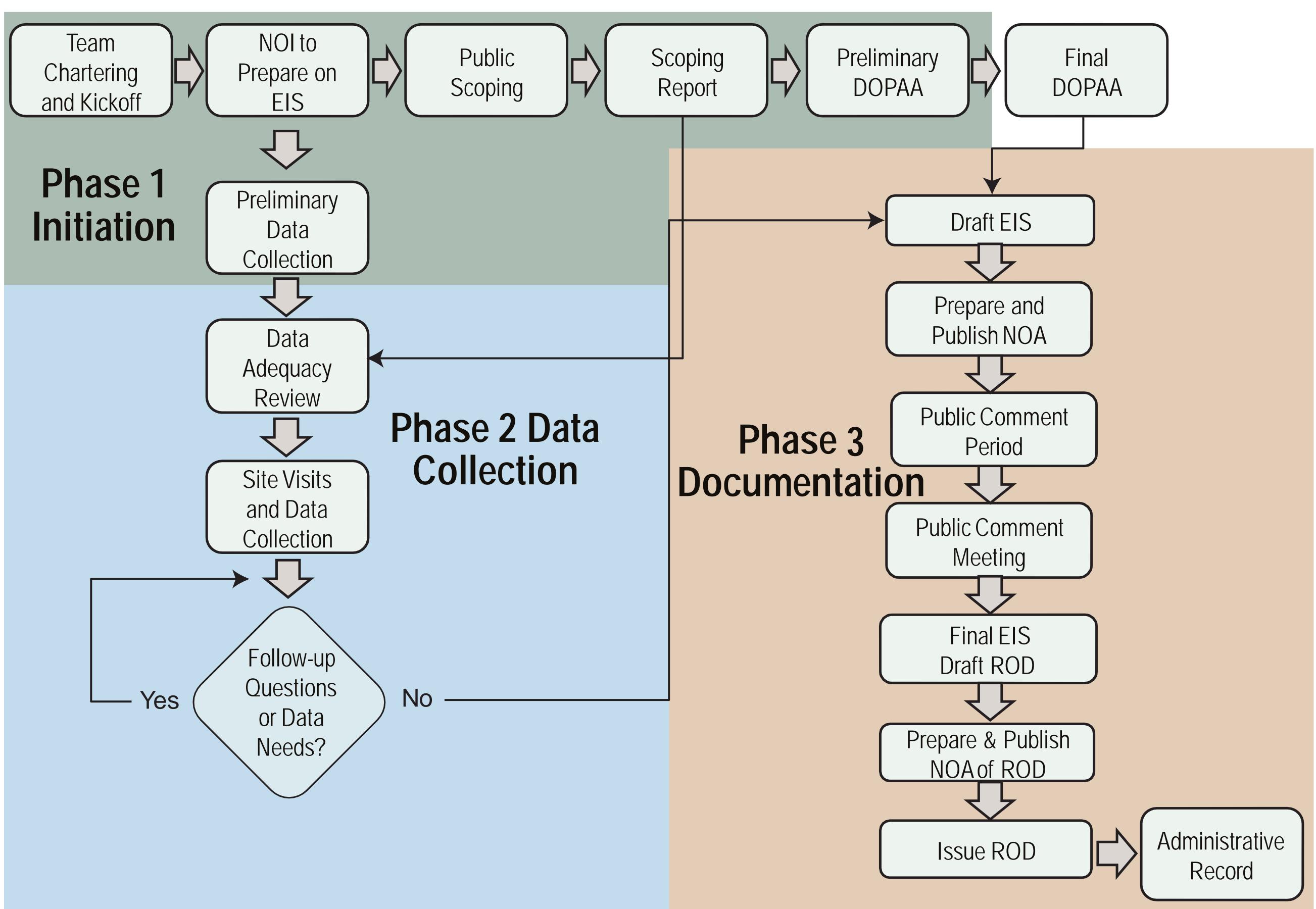


Provide the recommended decision (Record of Decision)



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### The Phosphate Mining AEIS Process Now Underway



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## Broad Issues Identified for Consideration (Input during 2010)

- Surface water and groundwater hydrology
- Surface water and groundwater quality
- Water supply and conservation
- Wetlands impacts and mitigation
- Aquatic and terrestrial communities and habitats
- Federally listed protected species
- Mine reclamation and mitigation
- Public health and safety
- Energy needs
- Mineral needs

- Soils and geology
- Environmental Justice
- Land use
- Transportation
- Recreation
- Water supply and conservation
- Historic, cultural, and archaeological resources
- Greenhouse gases and climate change
- Energy needs
- Mineral needs
- Radiation
- Aesthetics
- Socioeconomics



## Direct, Indirect, & Cumulative Impacts

- Direct effects of the proposed action occur at the same time and place as the action.
- Indirect effects are reasonably foreseeable effects caused by the action that occur later in time or farther in distance, such as changes in land use patterns, effects on air, water, or natural resources.
- Cumulative effects are those which result from the incremental impact of the action when added to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions.



## NEPA Processes and AEIS Overview General Schedule

- Formal start: February 3, 2011
- Notice of Intent in Federal Register: February 18, 2011
- Scoping Meetings
  - March 23, 2011: Lakeland
  - March 25, 2011: Punta Gorda
- Scoping Comments Period ends ~April 25, 2011
- Anticipated key future milestones:
  - Notice of Availability of the DAEIS ~ end of October 2011
  - Two public hearings regarding DAEIS ~mid December 2011
  - Notice of Availability of the FAEIS ~August 2012
  - Record of Decision ~by end of 2012



# Location of the Central Florida Phosphate District in Relation to the Peace and Myakka River Watersheds

