



# Environmental Impact Statement and Section 106 Consultation for Proposed Changes to Green Bank Observatory Operations

*Green Bank, West Virginia*

## Overview:

The National Environmental Policy Act requires federal agencies to conduct an environmental review to assess the potential environmental impacts of federal actions that could significantly affect the environment.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to consult with interested parties and the State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential effects of their proposed actions on significant historic properties.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including identification of viable alternatives. Additional opportunities for public participation will be available during the process.

## Timeline for Public Involvement:

- **Scoping Comment Period:**  
October 19 – November 25, 2016
- **Draft EIS target:**  
Spring 2017
  - 45-Day Comment Period on Draft EIS
  - Public meeting on Draft EIS
- **Final EIS target:**  
Fall 2017
- **Record of Decision target:**  
Winter 2017-2018

## Submit Comments:

You may submit written comments on or before November 25, 2016 by either of the following methods:

**Email to:** [envcomp-AST-greenbank@nsf.gov](mailto:envcomp-AST-greenbank@nsf.gov),  
with subject line  
"Green Bank Observatory"

**Mail to:** Ms. Elizabeth Pentecost,  
RE: Green Bank Observatory  
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Project information will be posted, throughout the EIS process, at [www.nsf.gov/AST](http://www.nsf.gov/AST).