

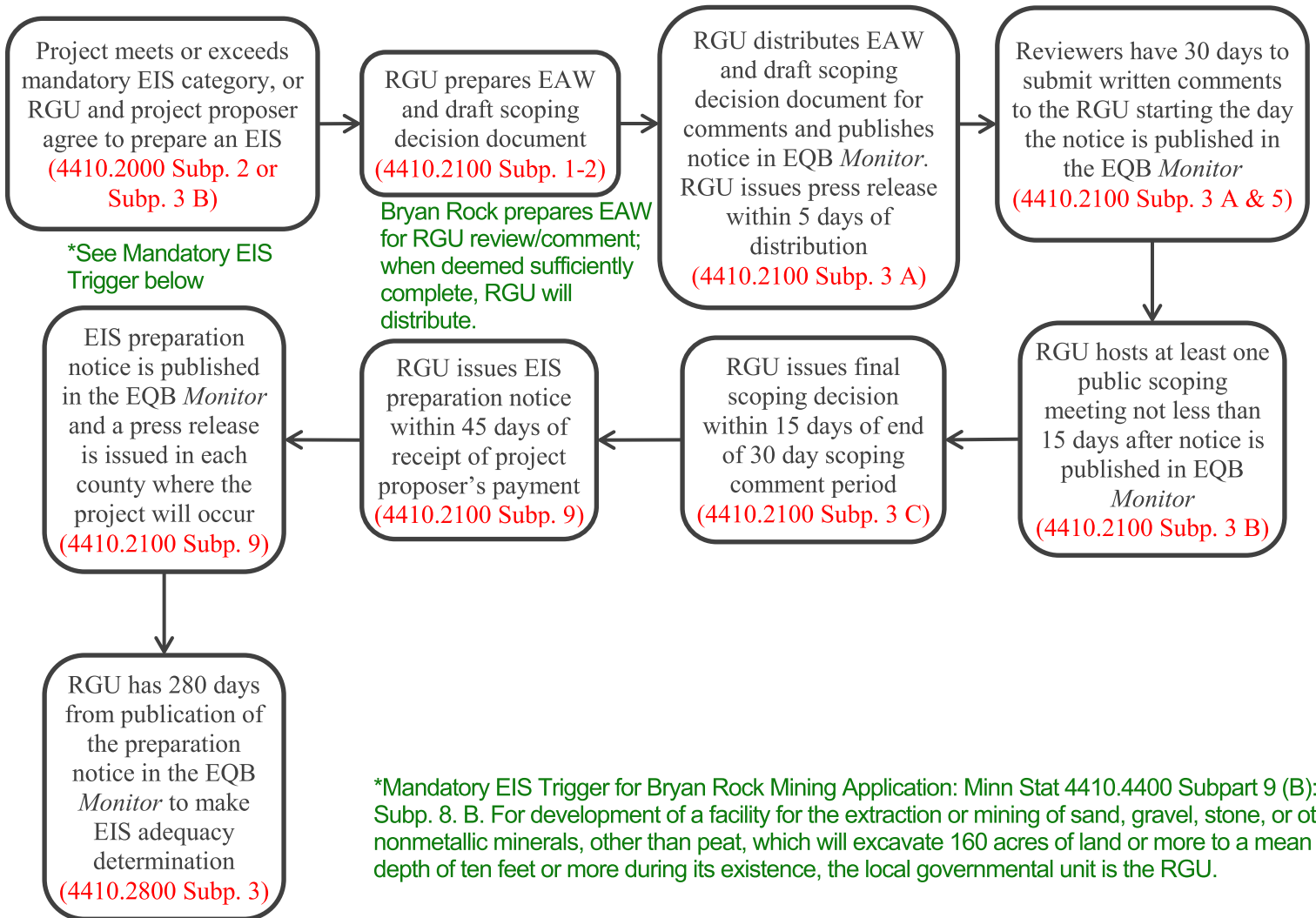


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EIS Scoping Process Steps for a *Mandatory or Voluntary* EIS

(Minnesota Rules 4410.2000 - 2100)

This EIS scoping process occurs when a project requires a mandatory EIS according to [Minnesota Rules 4410.2000](#), Subpart 2, or when the project proposer and RGU agree that an EIS should be prepared according to [Minnesota Rules 4410.2000](#), Subpart 3 B. The EIS scoping process occurs before the preparation of an EIS and is intended to reduce the scope and bulk of the EIS by identifying only the potentially significant issues related to the project, outlining the EIS document and preparation timeline, and determining the permits that require information in order to be developed concurrently to the EIS. **The flowchart below details the EIS scoping process for an EIS prepared pursuant to [Minnesota Rules 4410.2000](#), Subpart 2 or 3 B.**



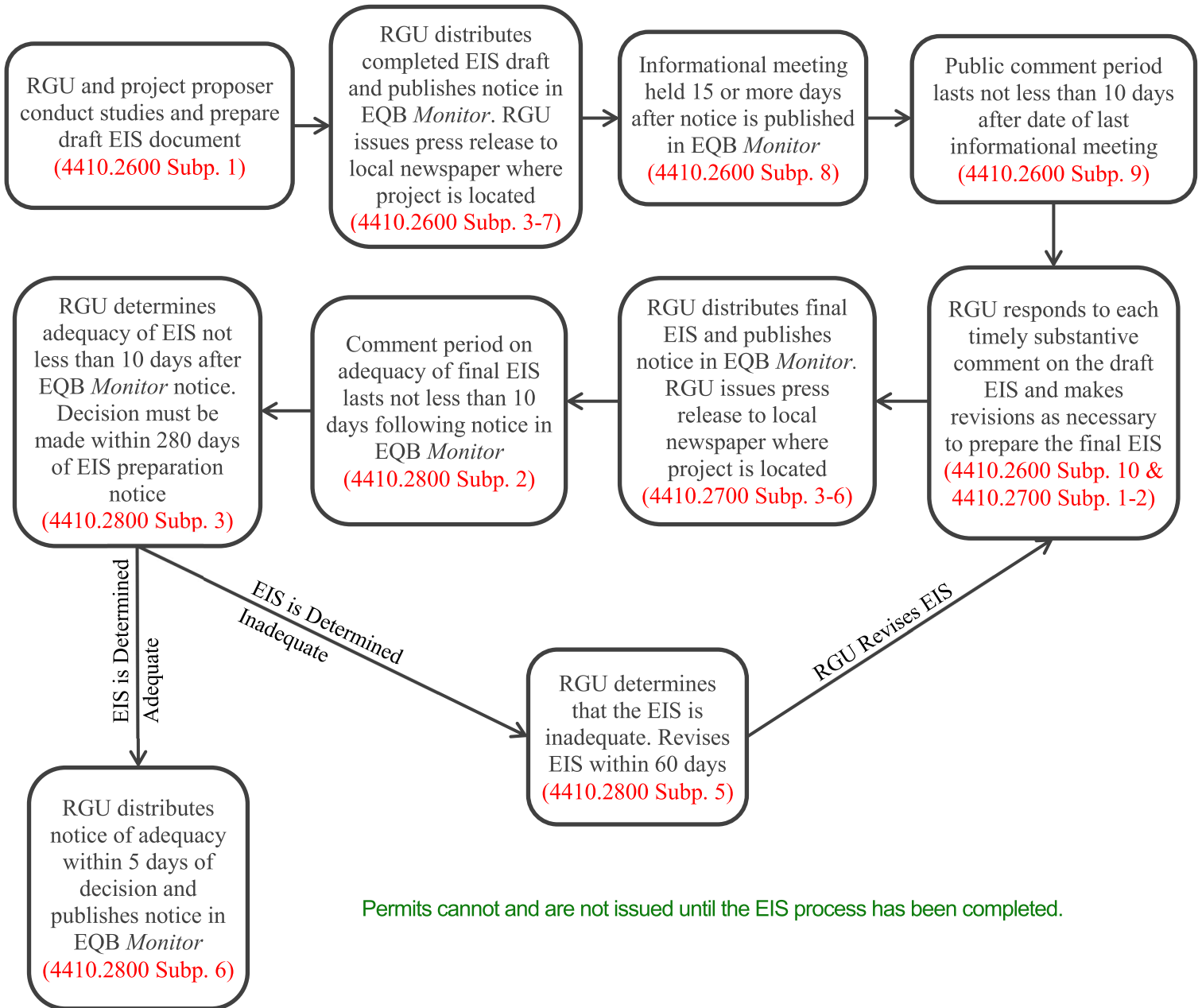


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EIS Preparation and Review Process Steps

(Minnesota Rules 4410.2200 - 2800)

The EIS preparation and review process occurs after either of the scoping processes outlined on page 2 and 3. The final EIS requires detailed analysis of the environmental, economic, employment and sociological impacts of the project, alternatives to the project, and mitigation measures for the project. There are opportunities for public comment on the EIS throughout the preparation and review process. Once the EIS preparation notice is published in the EQB *Monitor*, the RGU has up to 280 days to reach a determination on the adequacy of the final EIS document, unless extended for good cause per [Minnesota Rules 4410.2800](#), Subpart 3.



Permits cannot and are not issued until the EIS process has been completed.