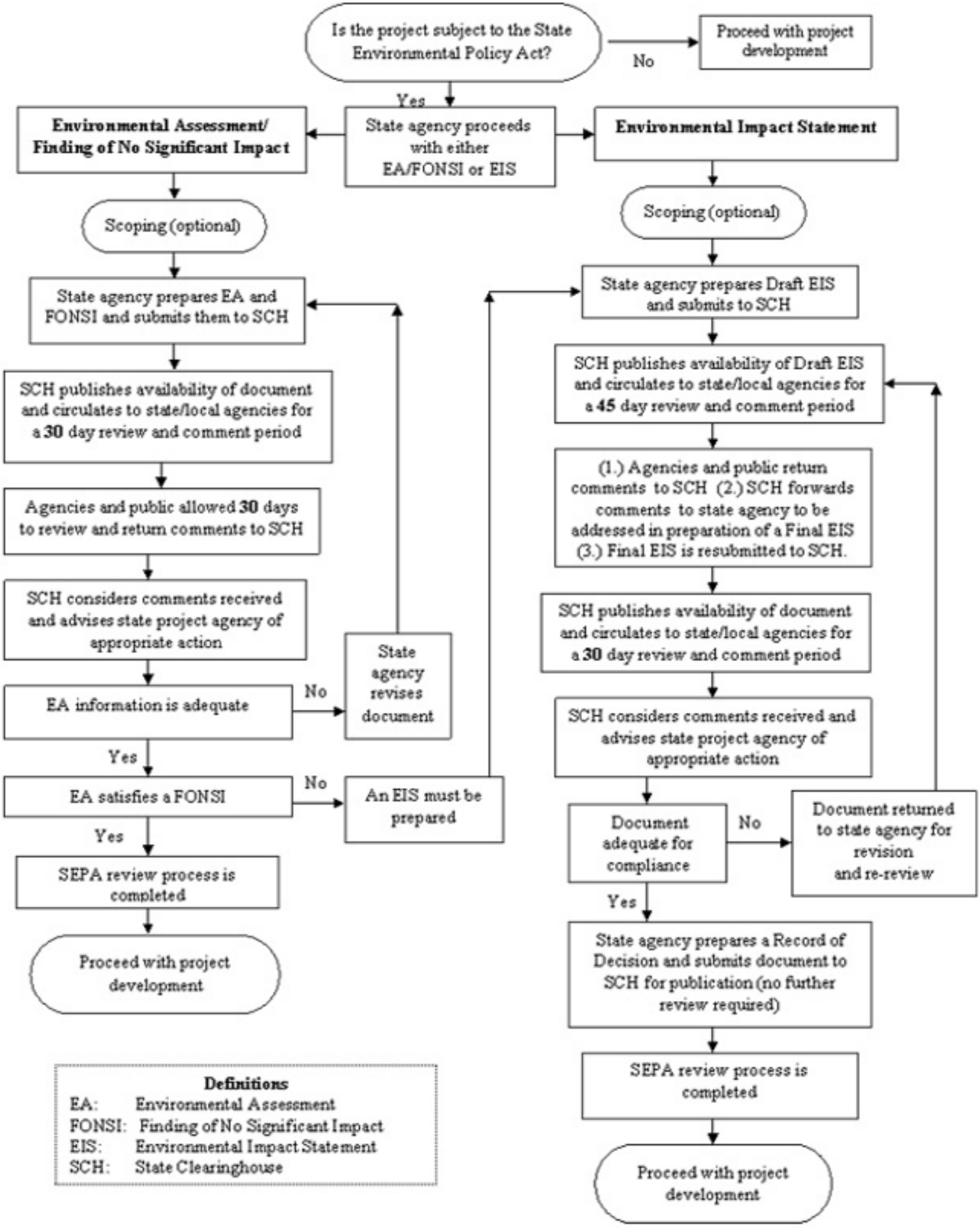
Is the project subject to the State Environmental Policy Act?
No
Proceed with project development
Yes
State agency proceeds with either EA/FONSI or EIS
Environmental Assessment/ Finding of No Significant Impact
Environmental Impact Statement
Scoping (optional)
State agency prepares EA and FONSI and submits them to SCH
SCH publishes availability of document and circulates to state/local agencies for a 30 day review and comment period
Agencies and public allowed 30 days to review and return comments to SCH
SCH considers comments received and advises state project agency of appropriate action
EA information is adequate
No
State agency revises document
Yes
EA satisfies a FONSI
No
An EIS must be prepared
Yes
SEPA review process is completed
Proceed with project development
Scoping (optional)
State agency prepares Draft EIS and submits to SCH
SCH publishes availability of Draft EIS and circulates to state/local agencies for a 45 day review and comment period
(1.) Agencies and public return comments to SCH (2.) SCH forwards comments to state agency to be addressed in preparation of a Final EIS (3.) Final EIS is resubmitted to SCH.
SCH publishes availability of document and circulates to state/local agencies for a 30 day review and comment period
SCH considers comments received and advises state project agency of appropriate action
Document adequate for compliance
No
Document returned to state agency for revision and re-review
Yes
State agency prepares a Record of Decision and submits document to SCH for publication (no further review required)
SEPA review process is completed
Proceed with project development
Definitions
EA: Environmental Assessment
FONSI: Finding of No Significant Impact
EIS: Environmental Impact Statement
SCH: State Clearinghouse