



## Issue Papers and Draft Reports

### 8-Step Process

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Commission staff have been assigned to research and prepare Issue Papers on topics related to 15 of the approved research questions\*:

- 9 Policy-Related Research Questions
- 6 Transition-Related Research Questions

There is an 8-step process in place to develop, evaluate, refine and finalize each of the Issue Papers for incorporation in the Commission's final report to the President and Congress.

1. (STAFF) Prepare an initial draft Issue Paper using research and legal analyses information.
2. (COMMISSIONERS) Review, comment, and revise the initial draft Issue Paper at a public meeting.
3. (PROGRAM & LEGAL EXPERTS) Conduct technical review to ensure thoroughness and accuracy.
4. (STAFF) Revise the draft Issue Paper to incorporate input from Steps 2 & 3.
5. (COMMISSIONERS) Release the document for posting on the Commission's website and dissemination to stakeholders.
6. (STAKEHOLDERS & PUBLIC) Provide written or verbal comments via email, letters, statements or testimony before the Commission. Time will be set aside at public meetings to receive input on each topic.
7. (COMMISSIONERS) Deliberate and tentatively approve an option on each research question at a public meeting.
8. (COMMISSIONERS) Review and finalize issue papers after consideration of appropriate information and data from CNA or IOM or other sources.

Please note: New information may result in a reevaluation of findings and/or options.

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