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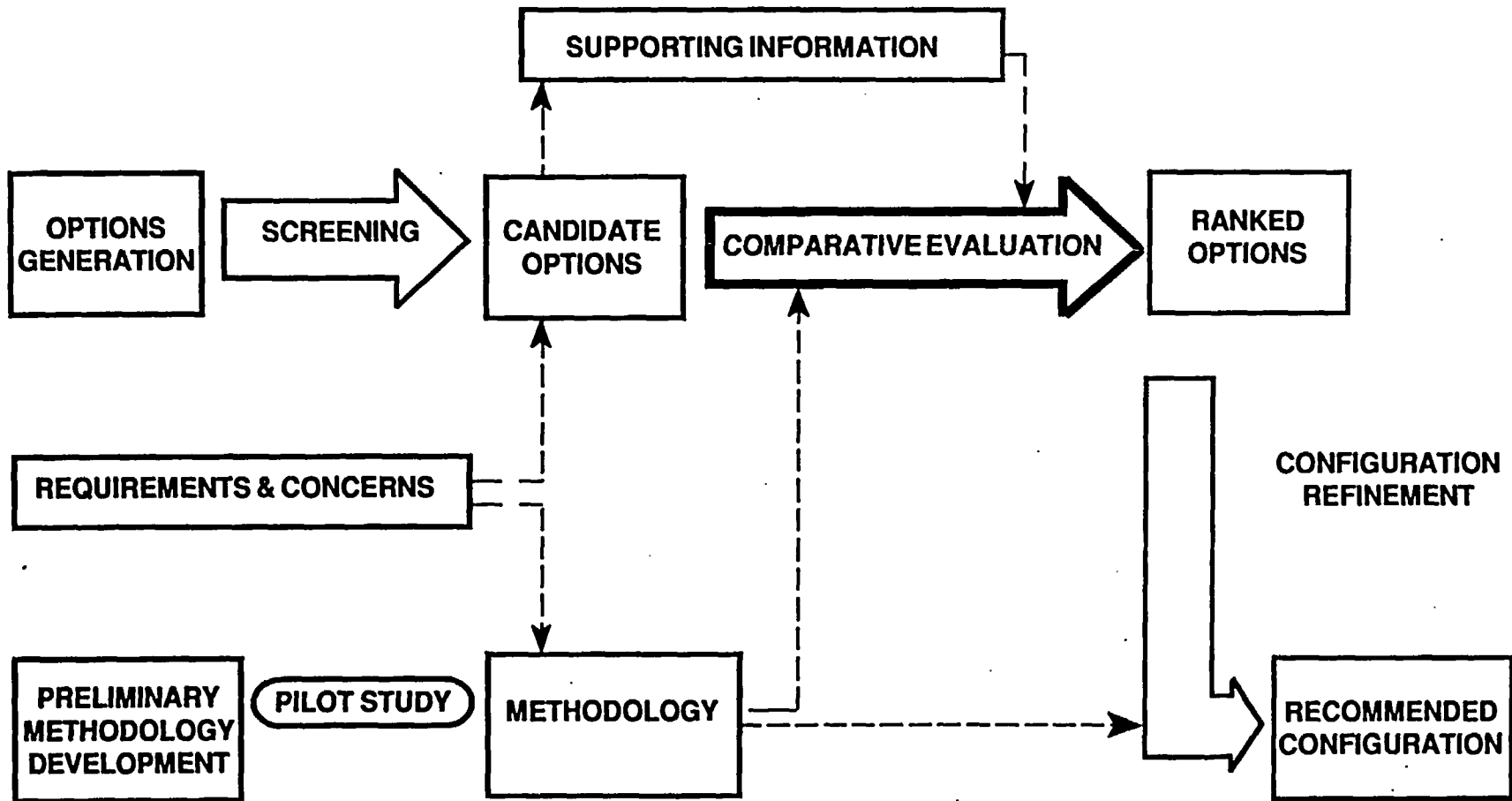
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# ESF ALTERNATIVES STUDY COMPARATIVE EVALUATION



# TOPICS

- **CURRENT STATUS**
- **EXPERT PANELS**
- **OBJECTIVES HIERARCHY**
- **EXAMPLE OF EXPERT PANEL INVOLVEMENT**
  - **INFLUENCE DIAGRAM**
  - **PERFORMANCE MEASURE SCALE**
  - **SCORING OF ESF OPTIONS**
- **EXAMPLE OF MANAGEMENT PANEL INVOLVEMENT**
  - **UTILITY FUNCTIONS**
  - **SCALING FACTORS (WEIGHTS)**
- **FUTURE PLANS**

# IMPLEMENTATION OF ESF ALTERNATIVES STUDY

DECISION  
METHODOLOGY  
GROUP, STUDY  
LEAD GROUP,  
AND DOE/SNL  
MANAGEMENT

STEP 1: ESTABLISH  
OBJECTIVES FOR ESF  
DECISION

DECISION METHODOLOGY GROUP AND DOE/SNL MANAGEMENT PANEL

STEP 2: IDENTIFY  
PERFORMANCE  
MEASURES FOR  
QUANTIFYING  
CONSEQUENCES

STEP 3: VERIFY  
INDEPENDENCE AS-  
SUMPTIONS THAT HOLD  
AMONG PERFORMANCE  
MEASURES

STEP 4:  
DEVELOP UTILITY  
FUNCTIONS

STEP 5:  
DEVELOP SCALING  
FACTORS  
(WEIGHTS)

DECISION  
METHODOLOGY  
GROUP AND  
EXPERT PANELS

STEP 6: CONSTRUCT  
DECISION TREE

STEP 7: DEVELOP  
INFLUENCE DIAGRAMS

STEP 8: ESTIMATE  
CONSEQUENCES &  
PROBABILITIES  
(SCORE OPTIONS)

DECISION  
METHODOLOGY  
GROUP

STEP 9: AGGREGATE  
SCORES AND PERFORM  
SENSITIVITY STUDIES

STUDY LEAD  
GROUP AND  
DECISION  
METHODOLOGY  
GROUP

STEP 10: RANK ORDER  
OPTIONS

# CURRENT STATUS

- **OBJECTIVES:** DETAILED COMPLETENESS ASSESSMENT BY MANAGEMENT IN EARLY MAY
- **INFLUENCE DIAGRAMS:** EXCEPT FOR REPOSITORY CLOSURE/RETRIEVAL, COMPLETED IN MAY
- **PERFORMANCE-MEASURE SCALES:** EXCEPT FOR POSTCLOSURE HEALTH AND SAFETY, COMPLETED IN JUNE
- **UTILITY FUNCTIONS:** AESTHETIC PROPERTIES (ENVIRONMENT) AND HISTORICAL PROPERTIES (ENVIRONMENT) COMPLETED BY MANAGEMENT SUB-PANEL IN EARLY JUNE
- **SCALING FACTORS:** AESTHETIC PROPERTIES vs HISTORICAL PROPERTIES, AESTHETIC PROPERTIES vs COST, AND PRECLOSURE RADIATION DOSE vs COST COMPLETED BY MANAGEMENT SUB-PANEL IN EARLY JUNE
- **SCORING:** AESTHETIC PROPERTIES, HISTORICAL PROPERTIES, PRECLOSURE RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH EFFECTS TO REPOSITORY WORKERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC COMPLETED BY EXPERT PANELS IN JUNE

# PERSONNEL COMPONENTS

## SANDIA ESF ALTERNATIVES STUDY LEAD GROUP

AL STEVENS  
AL DENNIS

LARRY COSTIN  
STEVEN BAUER

## DECISION METHODOLOGY GROUP

LEE MERKHOFFER (ADA)  
PHIL BECCUE (ADA)

PAUL GNIRK (RE/SPEC)  
DAVID PARRISH (RE/SPEC)

## MANAGEMENT PANEL

LAKE BARRETT (DOE)  
TOM ISAACS (DOE)  
RALPH STEIN (DOE)

CARL GERTZ (DOE)  
MAXWELL BLANCHARD (DOE)  
TED PETRIE (DOE)

TOM HUNTER (SNL)  
RICHARD LYNCH (SNL)  
WENDELL WEART (SNL)

# PERSONNEL COMPONENTS

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## EXPERT PANELS

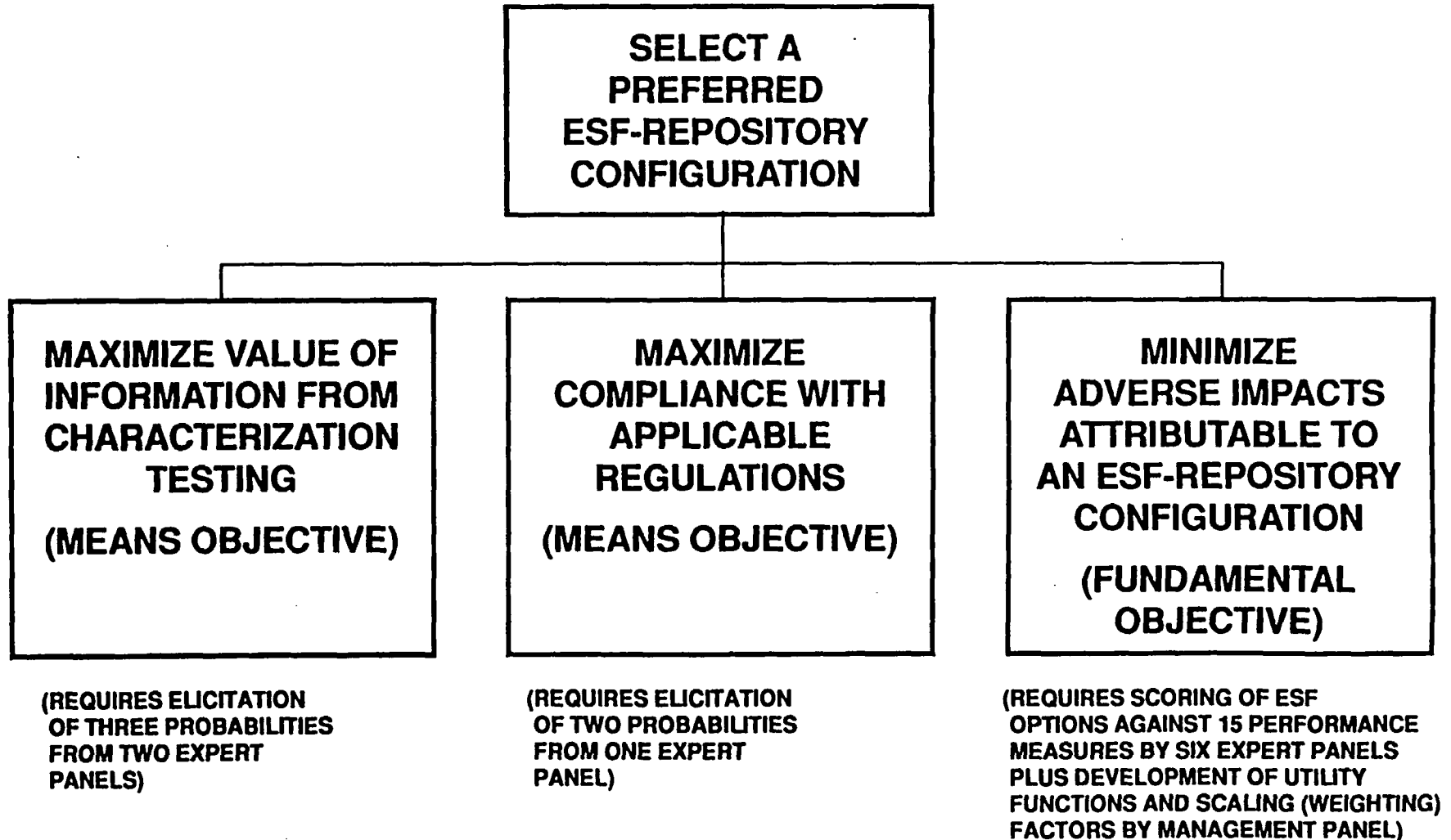
- POSTCLOSURE HEALTH AND SAFETY
- PRECLOSURE RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY
- PRECLOSURE NON-RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY
- ENVIRONMENT
  - AESTHETIC PROPERTIES
  - HISTORICAL PROPERTIES
  - BIOLOGICAL PROPERTIES (NON-DISCRIMINATORY)
- SOCIOECONOMICS (NON-DISCRIMINATORY)
- COST AND SCHEDULE
- CHARACTERIZATION TESTING
- REGULATORY APPROVAL

## DESIGN SUPPORT GROUPS

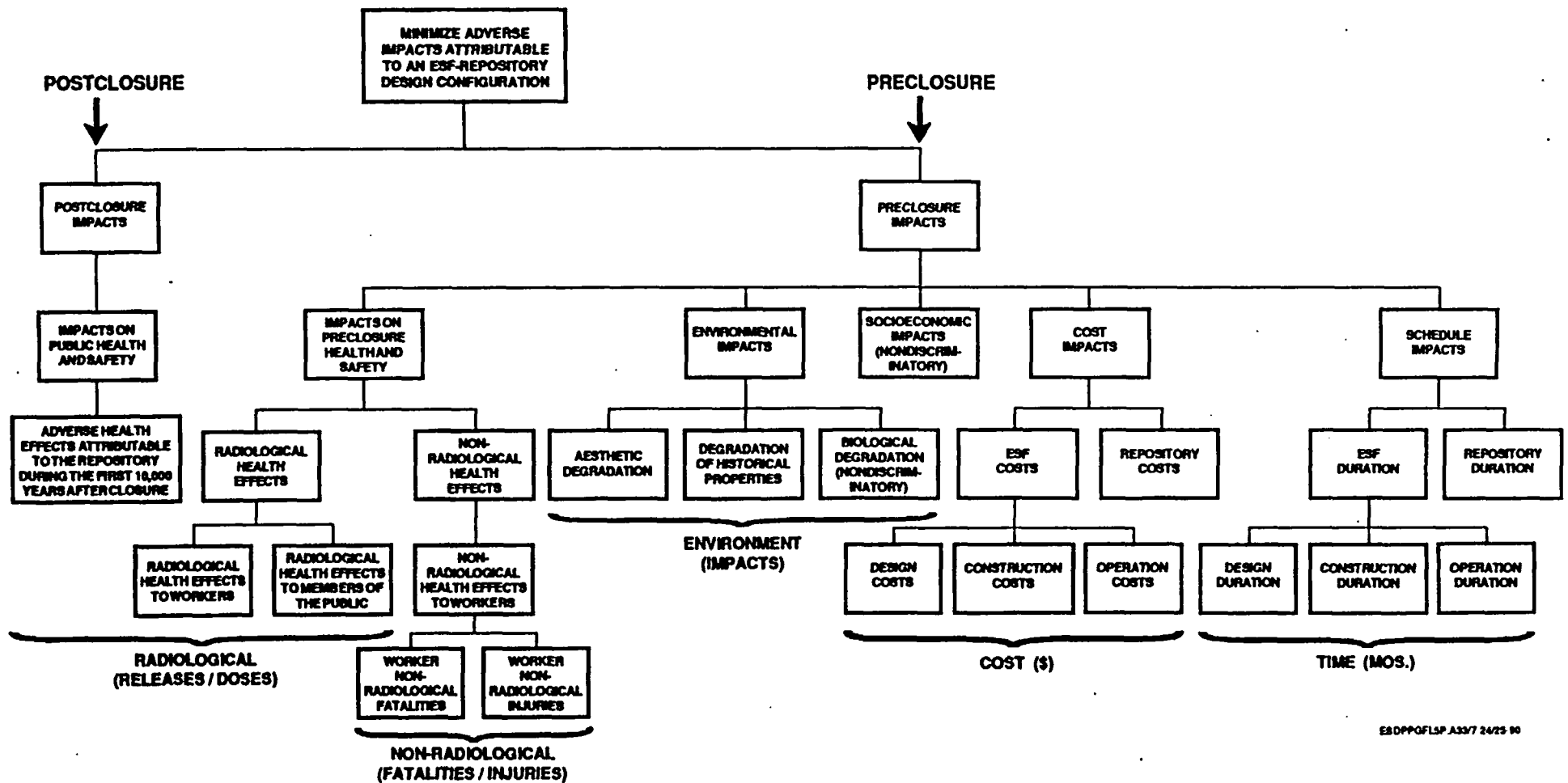
- SURFACE
- UNDERGROUND



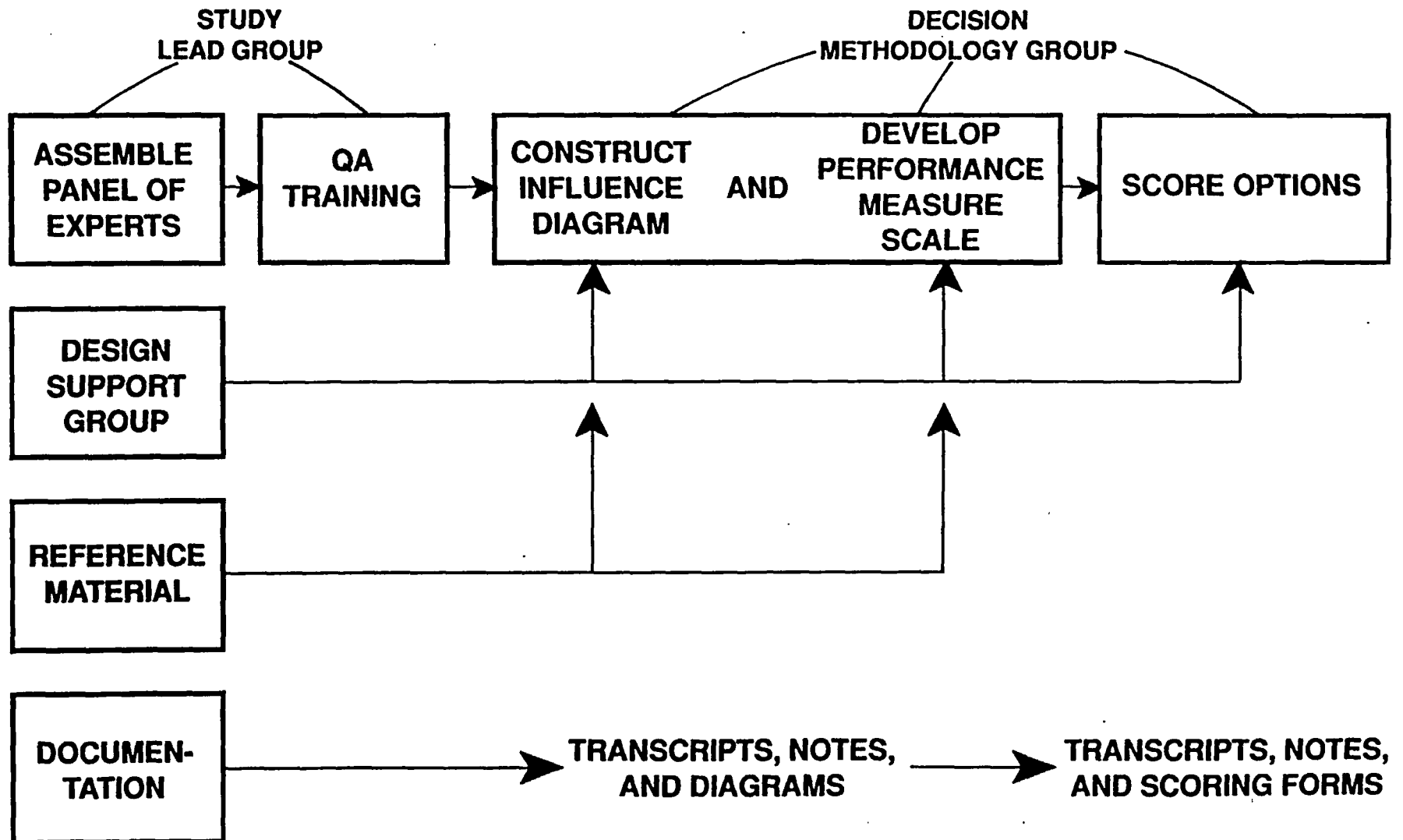
# HIGHEST-LEVEL OBJECTIVES OF THE ESF ALTERNATIVES STUDY



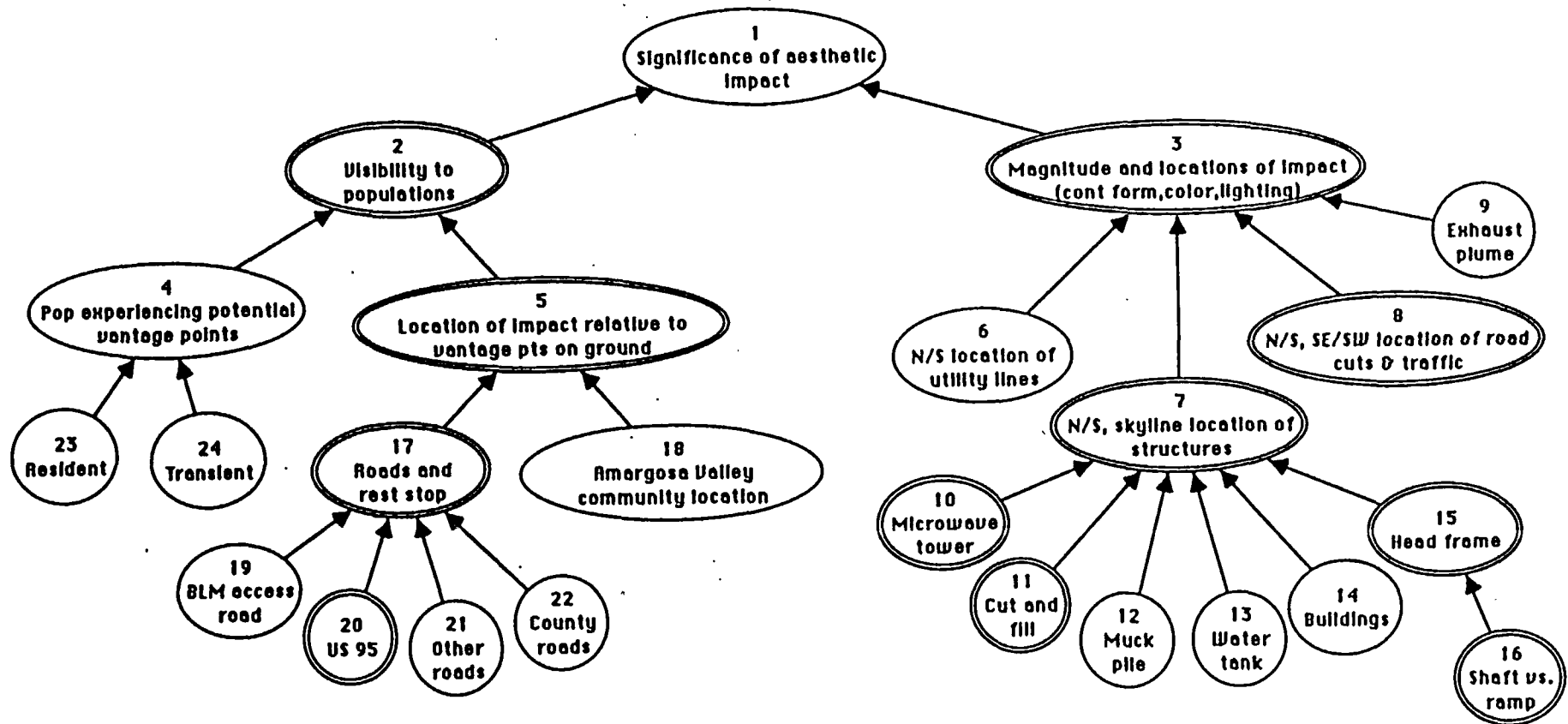
# FUNDAMENTAL (VALUE) OBJECTIVES HIERARCHY FOR THE ESF ALTERNATIVES STUDY



# EXPERT PANEL INVOLVEMENT (FOR EACH OBJECTIVE)



# INFLUENCE DIAGRAM FOR THE ENVIRONMENT-AESTHETIC PROPERTIES



# PERFORMANCE MEASURE SCALE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

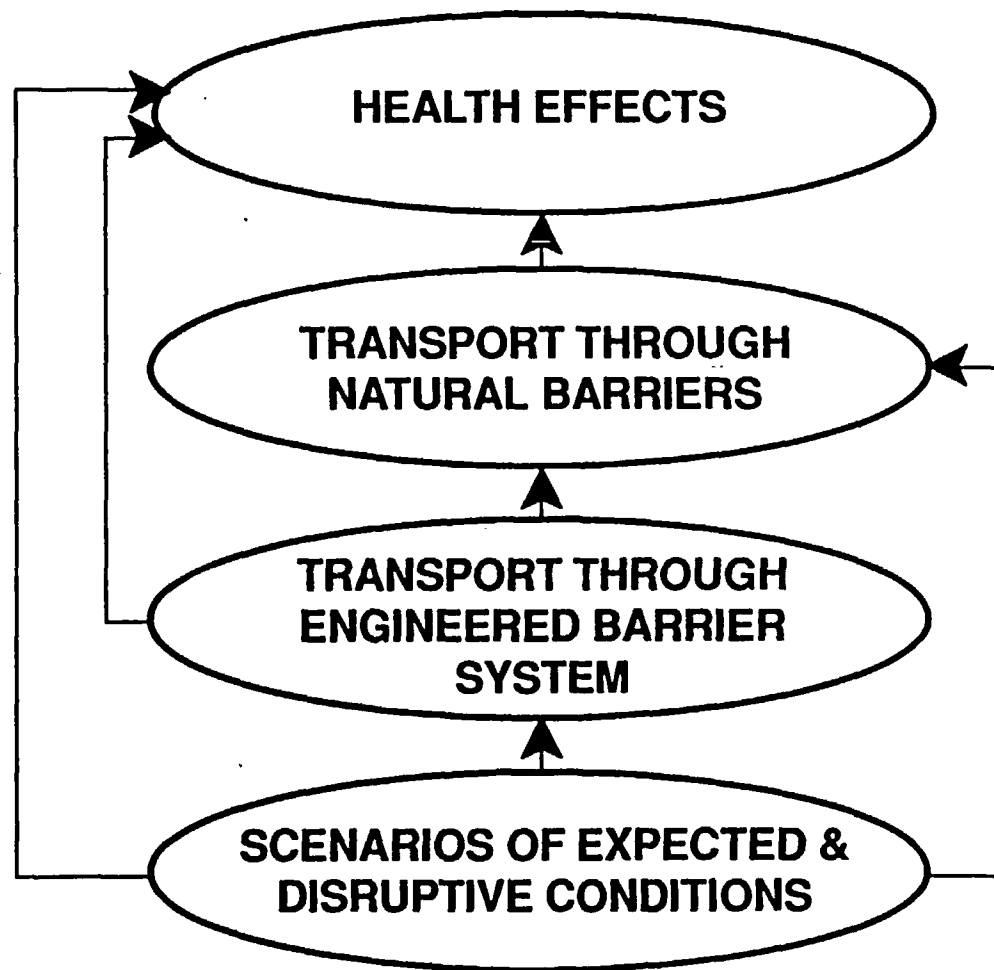
## AESTHETIC PROPERTIES: VISUAL IMPACTS

SCORE	DESCRIPTION
12 (BEST)	NO IMPACTS VISIBLE FROM ANY VANTAGE POINT
11	ROAD-CUTS/TRAFFIC VISIBLE FROM ONE VANTAGE POINT
10	ROAD-CUTS/TRAFFIC VISIBLE FROM MULTIPLE VANTAGE POINTS
9	STRUCTURES/FACILITIES VISIBLE FROM ONE VANTAGE POINT
8	STRUCTURES/FACILITIES VISIBLE FROM ONE VANTAGE POINT ROAD-CUTS/TRAFFIC VISIBLE FROM ONE VANTAGE POINT
7	STRUCTURES/FACILITIES VISIBLE FROM ONE VANTAGE POINT PLUS ROAD-CUTS/TRAFFIC VISIBLE FROM MULTIPLE VANTAGE POINTS
6	STRUCTURES/FACILITIES VISIBLE FROM MULTIPLE VANTAGE POINTS
5	STRUCTURES/FACILITIES AND ROAD-CUTS/TRAFFIC VISIBLE FROM MULTIPLE VANTAGE POINTS
4	SKYLINE STRUCTURES VISIBLE FROM ONE VANTAGE POINT
3	SKYLINE STRUCTURES VISIBLE FROM ONE VANTAGE POINT PLUS ROAD-CUTS/TRAFFIC VISIBLE FROM MULTIPLE VANTAGE POINTS
2	SKYLINE STRUCTURES VISIBLE FROM ONE VANTAGE POINT PLUS STRUCTURES/FACILITIES VISIBLE FROM MULTIPLE VANTAGE POINTS
1	SKYLINE STRUCTURES VISIBLE FROM MULTIPLE VANTAGE POINTS
0 (WORST)	SKYLINE STRUCTURES, STRUCTURES/FACILITIES, AND ROAD-CUTS/TRAFFIC VISIBLE FROM MULTIPLE VANTAGE POINTS

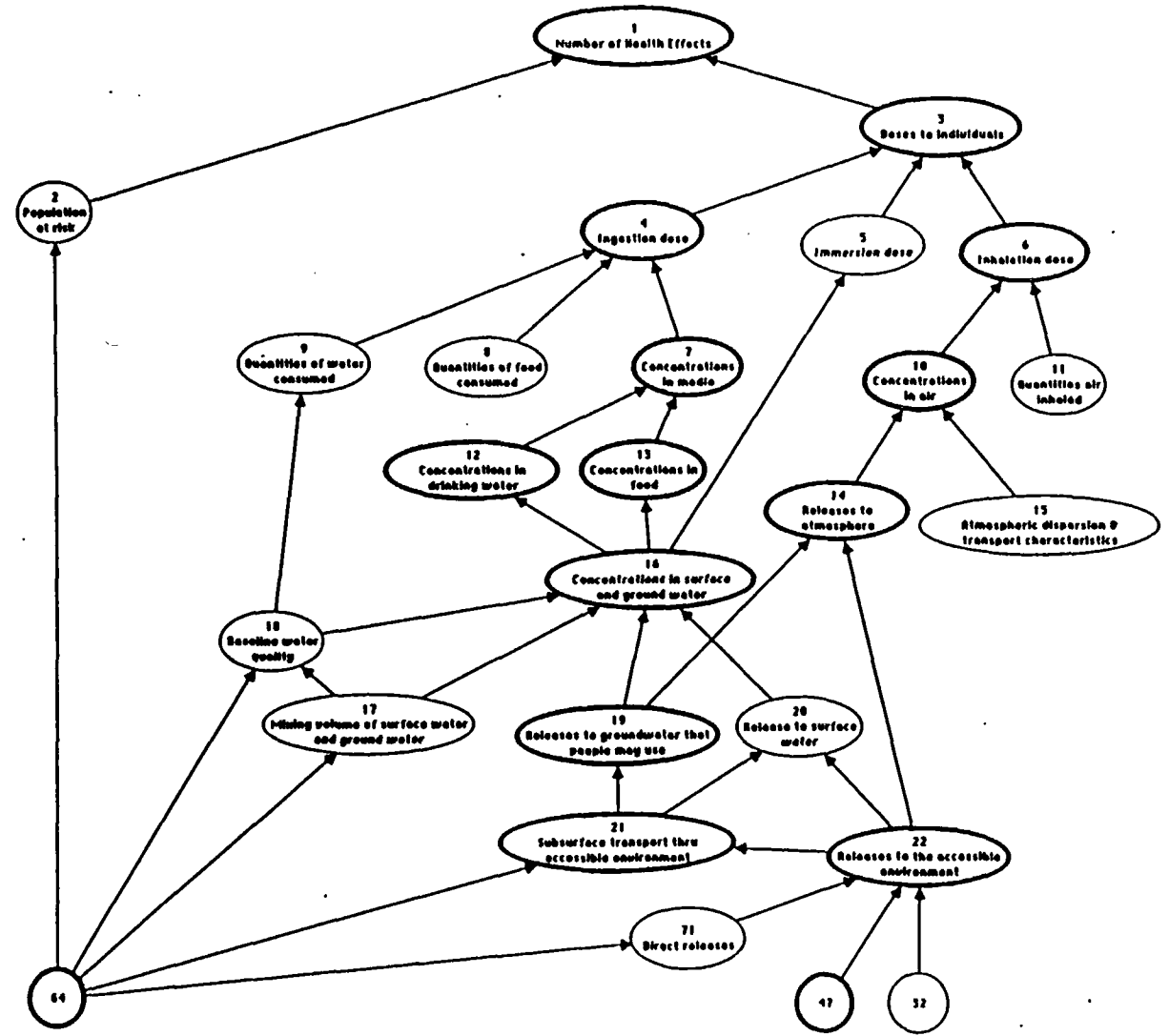
# SCORING RESULTS FOR AESTHETIC PROPERTIES

EVALUATION	DESIRABILITY	ESF OPTION	SCORE	EXPLANATION
BEST JUDGMENT	HIGHEST	BASE CASE, A1, A2, A4-REV.1, A7, C1, B3-REV. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6  ↓	8	STRUCTURES/FACILITIES & ROAD-CUTS/ TRAFFIC VISIBLE FROM ONE VANTAGE POINT
OPTIMISTIC			9	STRUCTURE/FACILITIES VISIBLE FROM ONE VANTAGE POINT
PESSIMISTIC			8	STRUCTURES/FACILITIES & ROAD-CUTS/ TRAFFIC VISIBLE FROM ONE VANTAGE POINT
BEST JUDGMENT	LOWEST	B4, C4  ↓	0.5	SKYLINE STRUCTURES TO SKYLINE STRUCTURES - STRUCTURES/FACILITIES - ROAD-CUTS/TRAFFIC VISIBLE FROM MULTIPLE VANTAGE POINTS
OPTIMISTIC			1	SKYLINE STRUCTURES VISIBLE FROM MULTIPLE VANTAGE POINTS
PESSIMISTIC			0	SKYLINE STRUCTURES, STRUCTURES/ FACILITIES, & ROAD-CUTS/TRAFFIC VIS- IBLE FROM MULTIPLE VANTAGE POINTS

# **INFLUENCE DIAGRAM FOR POSTCLOSURE HEALTH EFFECTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE REPOSITORY DURING THE FIRST 10,000 YEARS AFTER CLOSURE**

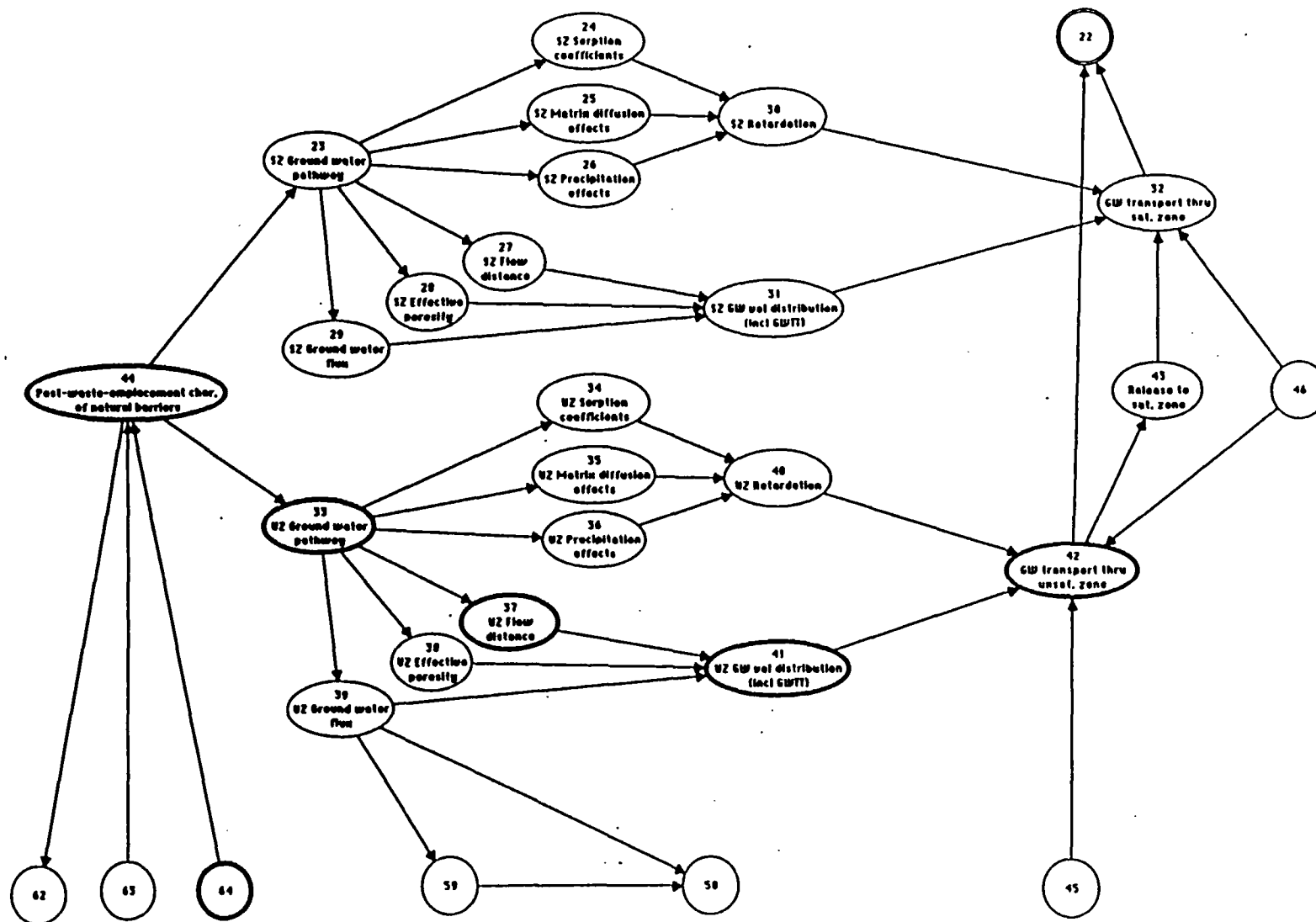


# INFLUENCE DIAGRAM FOR POSTCLOSURE HEALTH EFFECTS

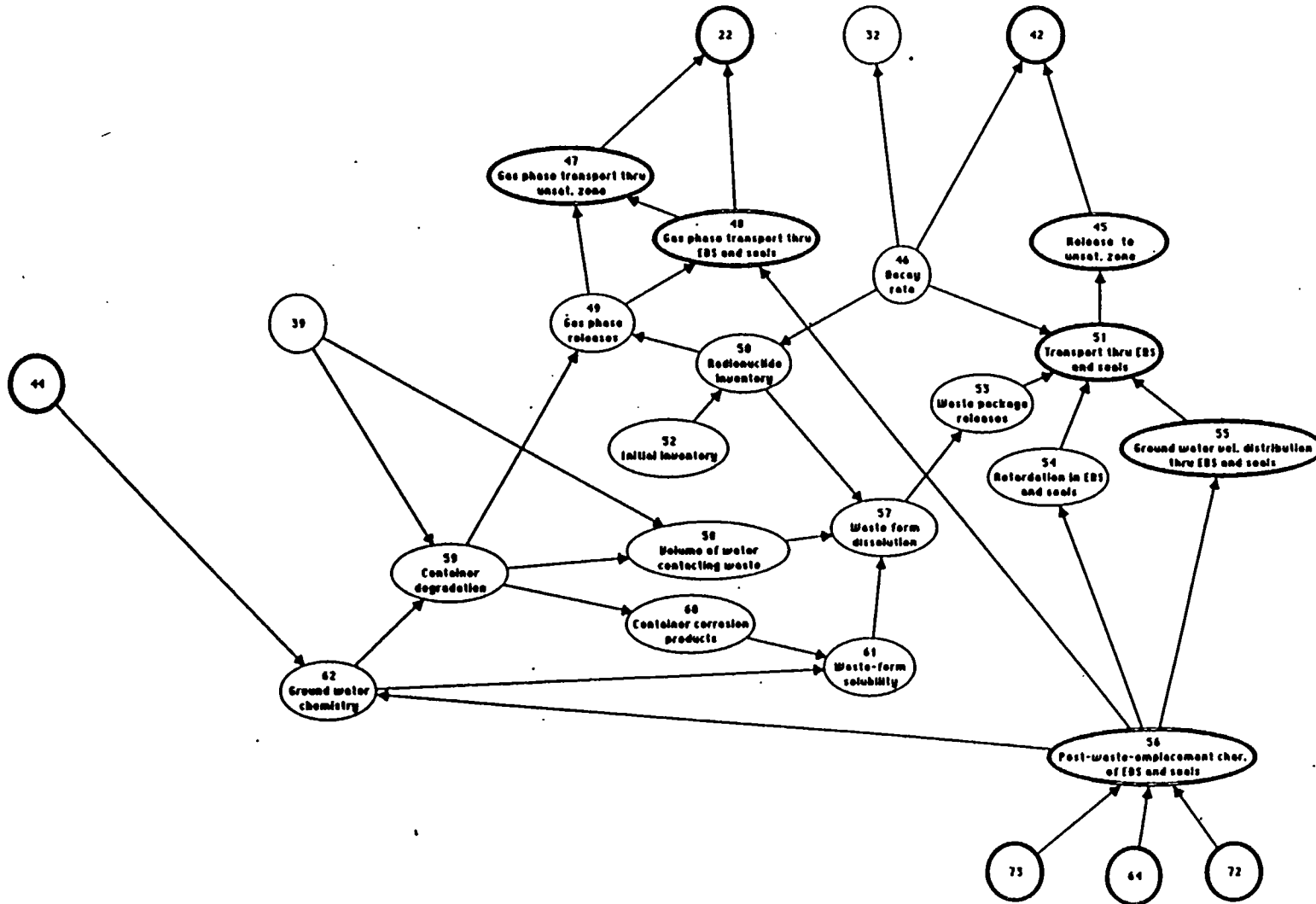




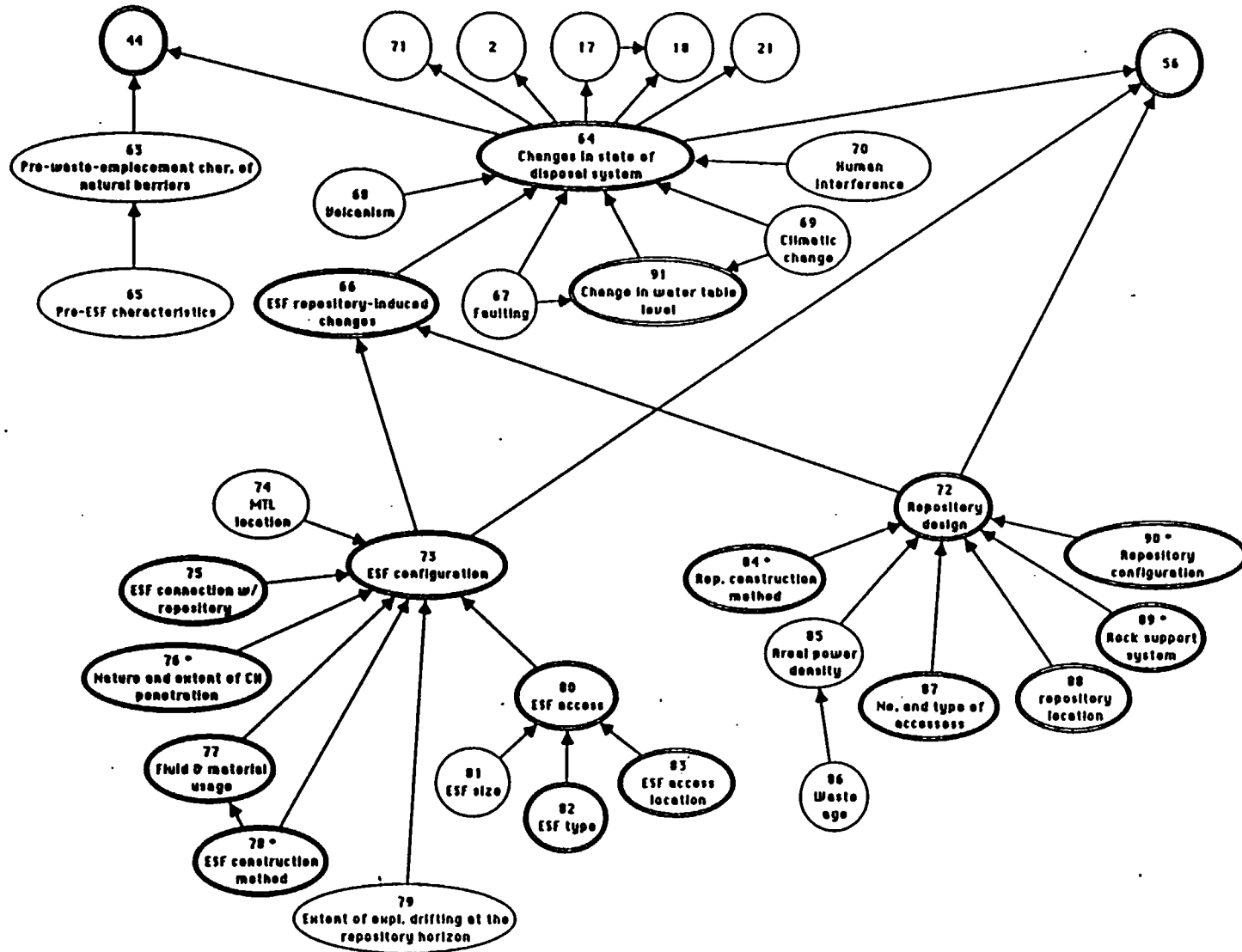
# INFLUENCE DIAGRAM FOR POSTCLOSURE TRANSPORT THROUGH NATURAL BARRIERS



# INFLUENCE DIAGRAM FOR POSTCLOSURE ENGINEERED BARRIER SYSTEM



# INFLUENCE DIAGRAM FOR POSTCLOSURE EXPECTED AND DISRUPTIVE SCENARIOS



# POSTCLOSURE HEALTH EFFECTS

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE: RADIONUCLIDE  
RELEASES TO ACCESSIBLE ENVIRONMENT  
DURING THE FIRST 10,000 YEARS AFTER  
REPOSITORY CLOSURE**

**RANGE OF IMPACT (AS JUDGED BY EXPERT PANEL):**

- **LOWEST IMPACT:  $10^{-8}$  OF EPA RELEASE LIMIT ASSUMING  
GROUND WATER FLOW IN ROCK MATRIX  
AND 50% INCREASE IN DEPTH TO WATER  
TABLE**
- **HIGHEST IMPACT:  $10^{-2}$  OF EPA RELEASE LIMIT ASSUMING  
GROUND WATER FLOW IN ROCK  
FRACTURES AND 50% DECREASE IN DEPTH  
TO WATER TABLE**

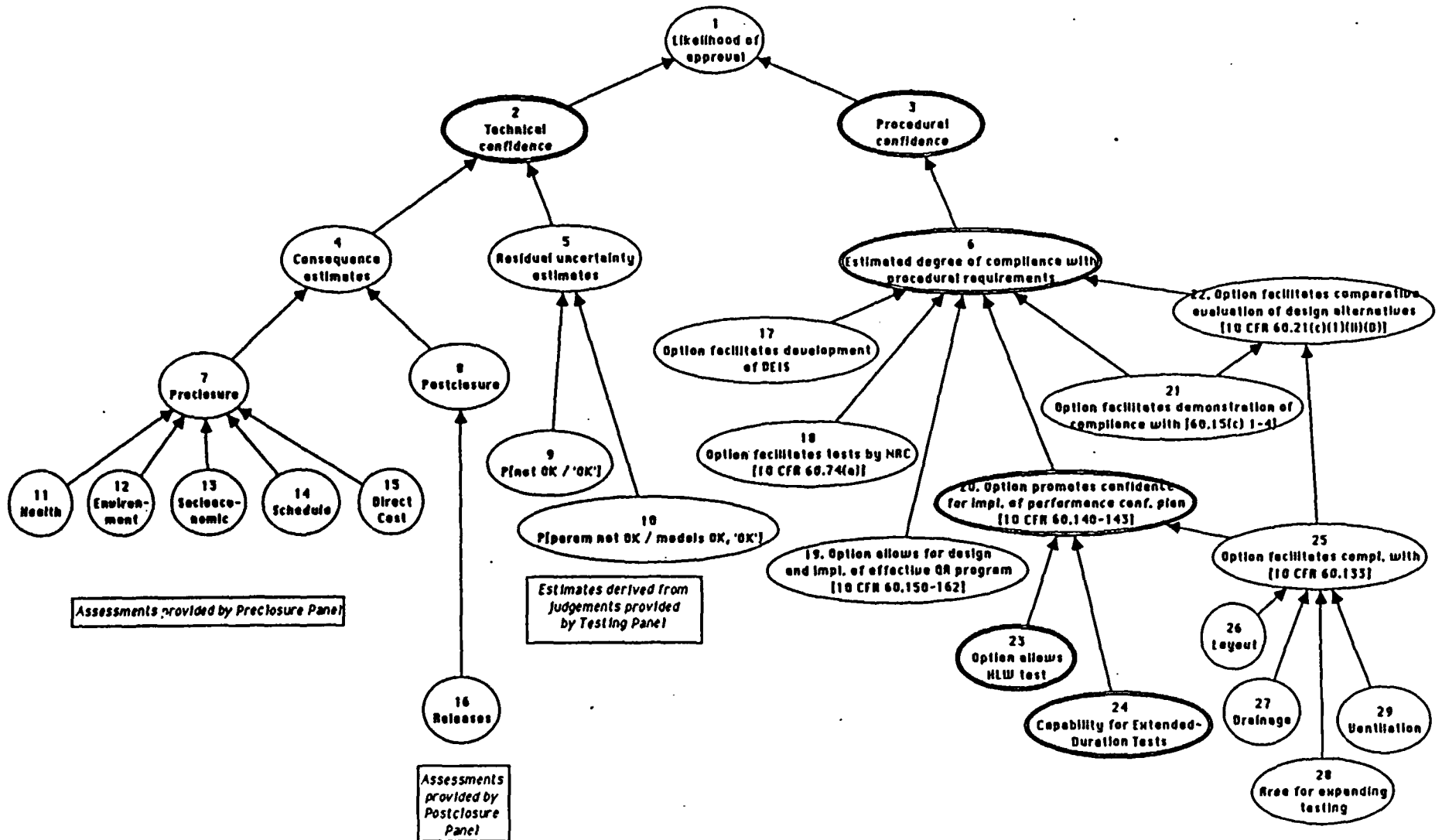
# **POSTCLOSURE HEALTH EFFECTS**

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**IMPACT IS A FUNCTION OF (AS JUDGED BY EXPERT PANEL):**

- **GROUND WATER FLOW IN ROCK MATRIX OR ROCK FRACTURES**
- **DISTANCE FROM WASTE EMBLACEMENTS TO WATER TABLE**
- **ESF CONNECTION TO REPOSITORY**
- **REPOSITORY CONFIGURATION**
- **ESF/REPOSITORY CONSTRUCTION METHOD**
- **RAMPS vs SHAFTS (LOCATION AND NUMBER)**
- **SEAL EFFECTIVENESS**
- **ROCK SUPPORT SYSTEM**
- **FLUID/ MATERIAL USAGE IN ESF/REPOSITORY**
- **NATURE AND EXTENT OF CALICO HILLS PENETRATION**

# INFLUENCE DIAGRAM FOR LIKELIHOOD OF LICENSE APPROVAL



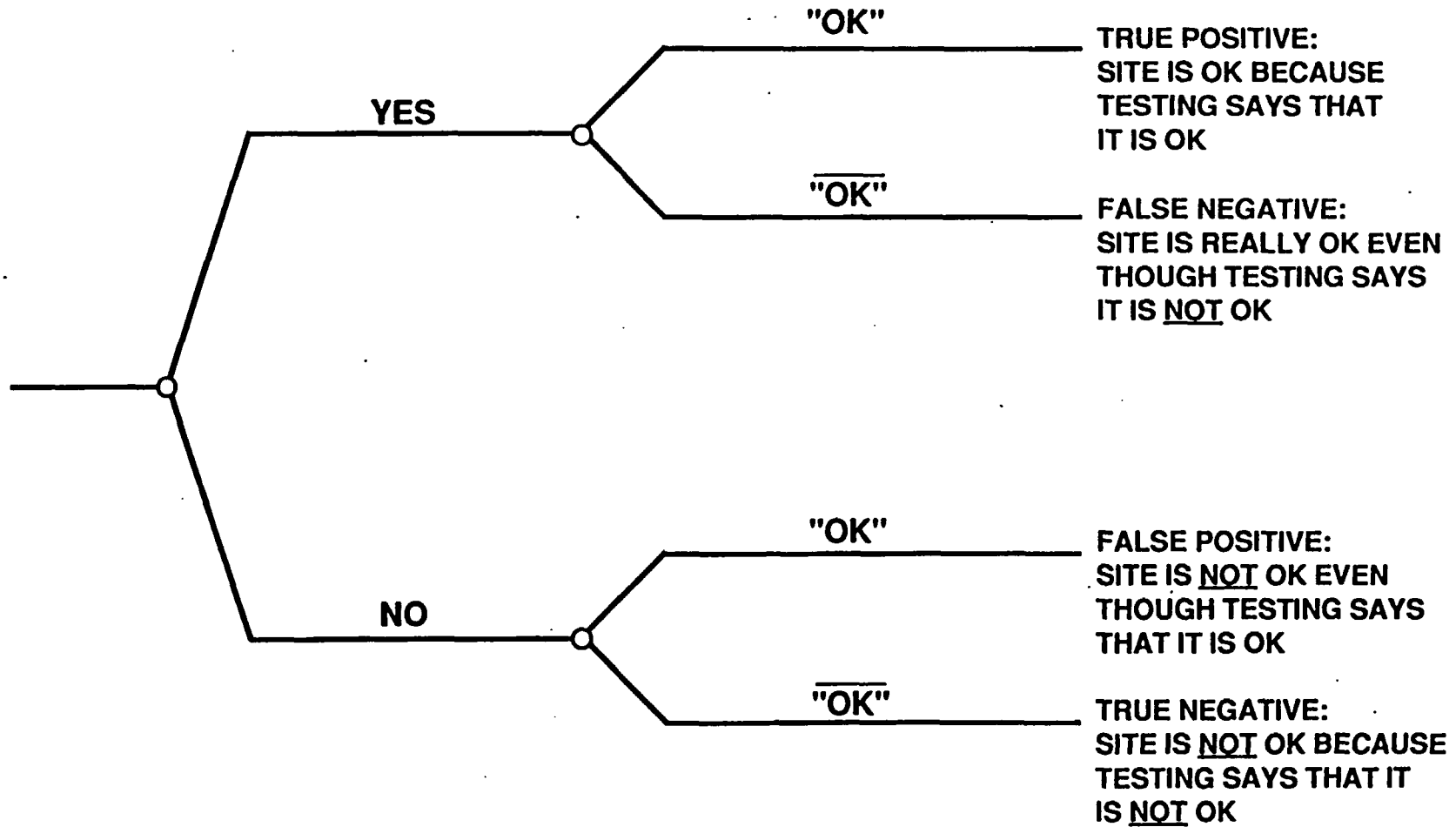
# "NATURE'S TREE"

## ACTUAL SITE CONDITIONS

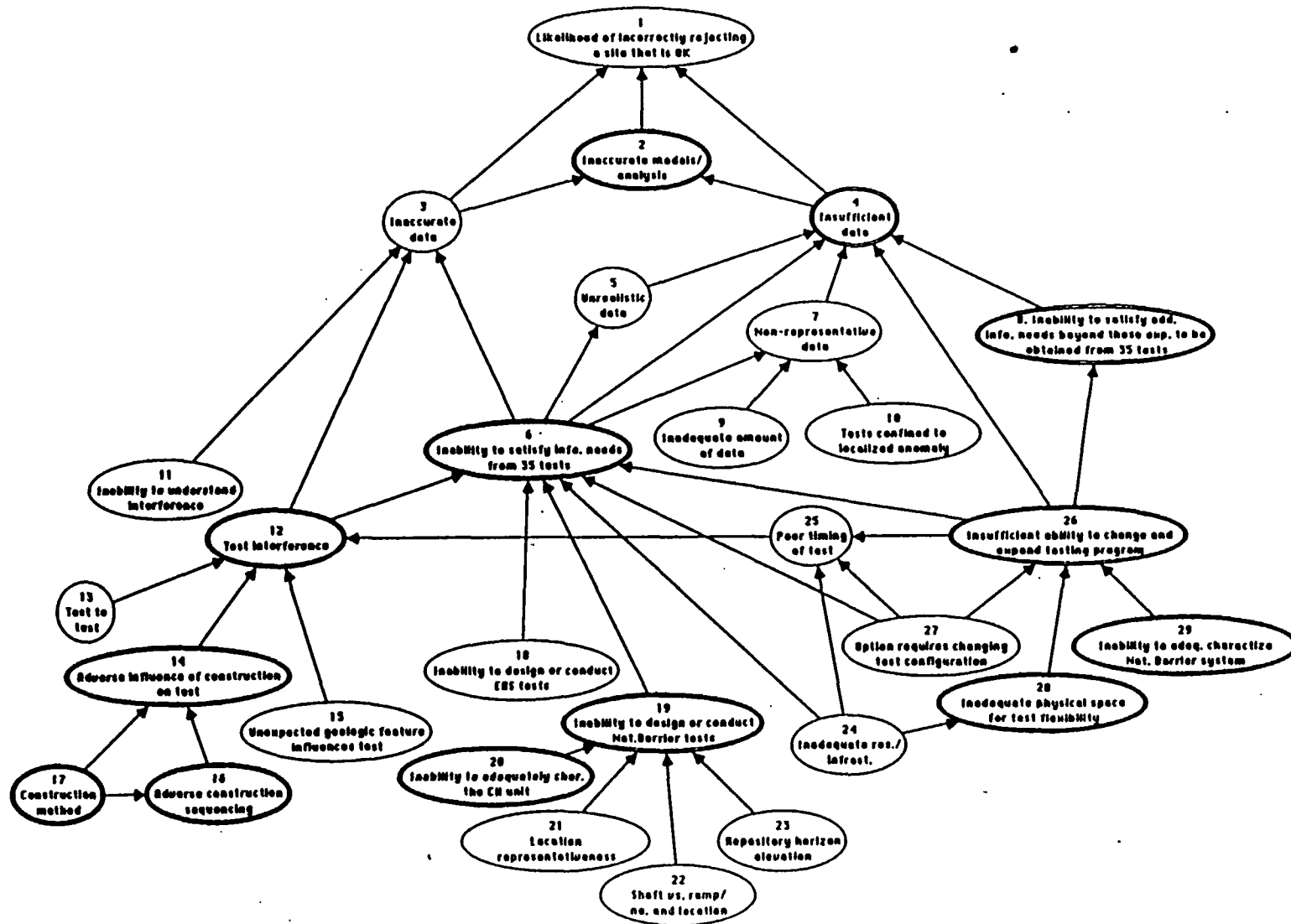
IS THE SITE SUITABLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GEOLOGIC REPOSITORY?

## SITE CHARACTERIZATION

WHAT IS THE OUTCOME OF CHARACTERIZATION TESTING?

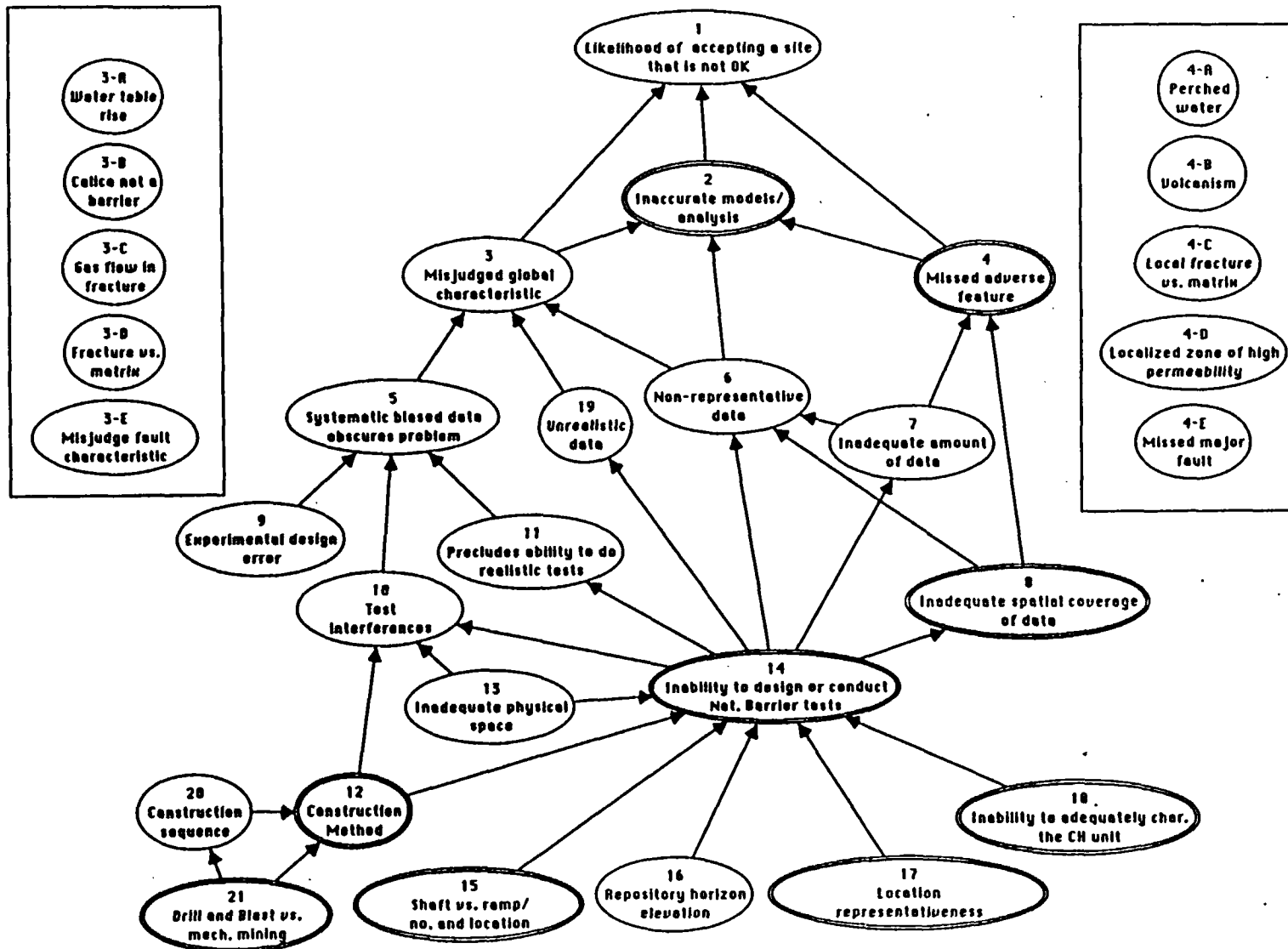


# INFLUENCE DIAGRAM FOR LIKELIHOOD OF INCORRECTLY REJECTING A SITE THAT IS OK (FALSE NEGATIVE)

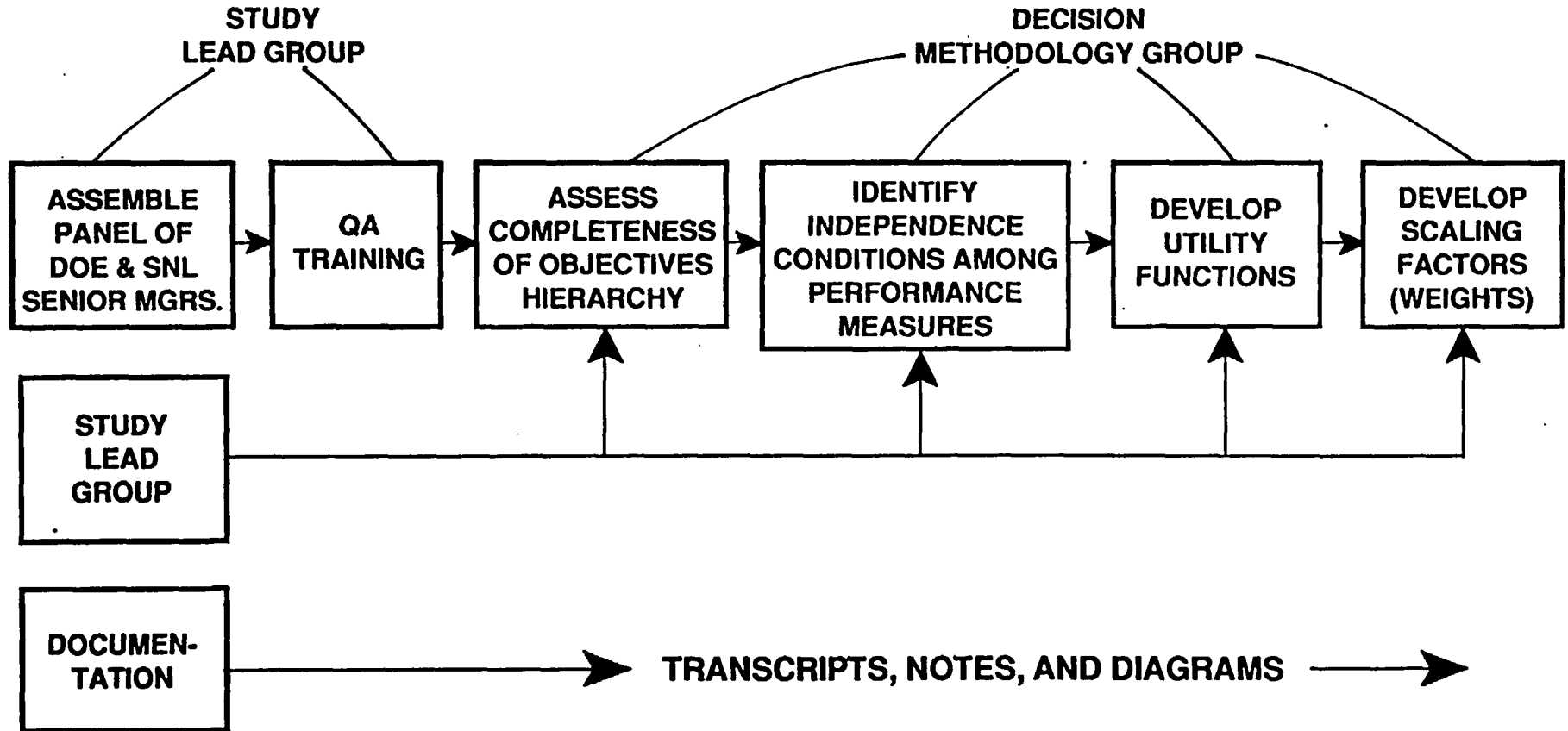




# INFLUENCE DIAGRAM FOR LIKELIHOOD OF INCORRECTLY ACCEPTING A SITE THAT IS NOT OK (FALSE POSITIVE)



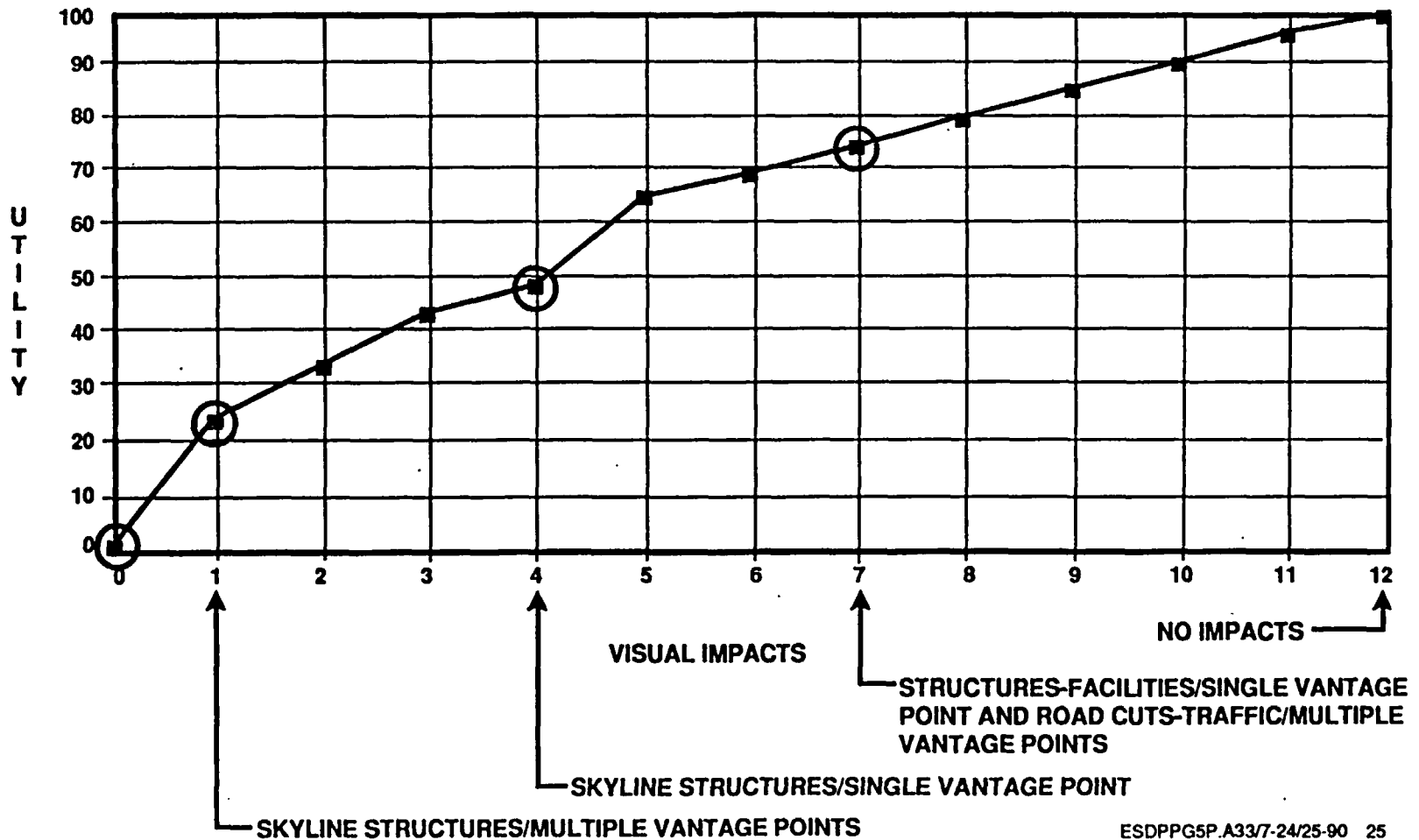
# MANAGEMENT PANEL INVOLVEMENT



# EXAMPLE

## DEVELOPMENT OF A SINGLE-ATTRIBUTE UTILITY FUNCTION

### ENVIRONMENT: ASTHETIC PROPERTIES

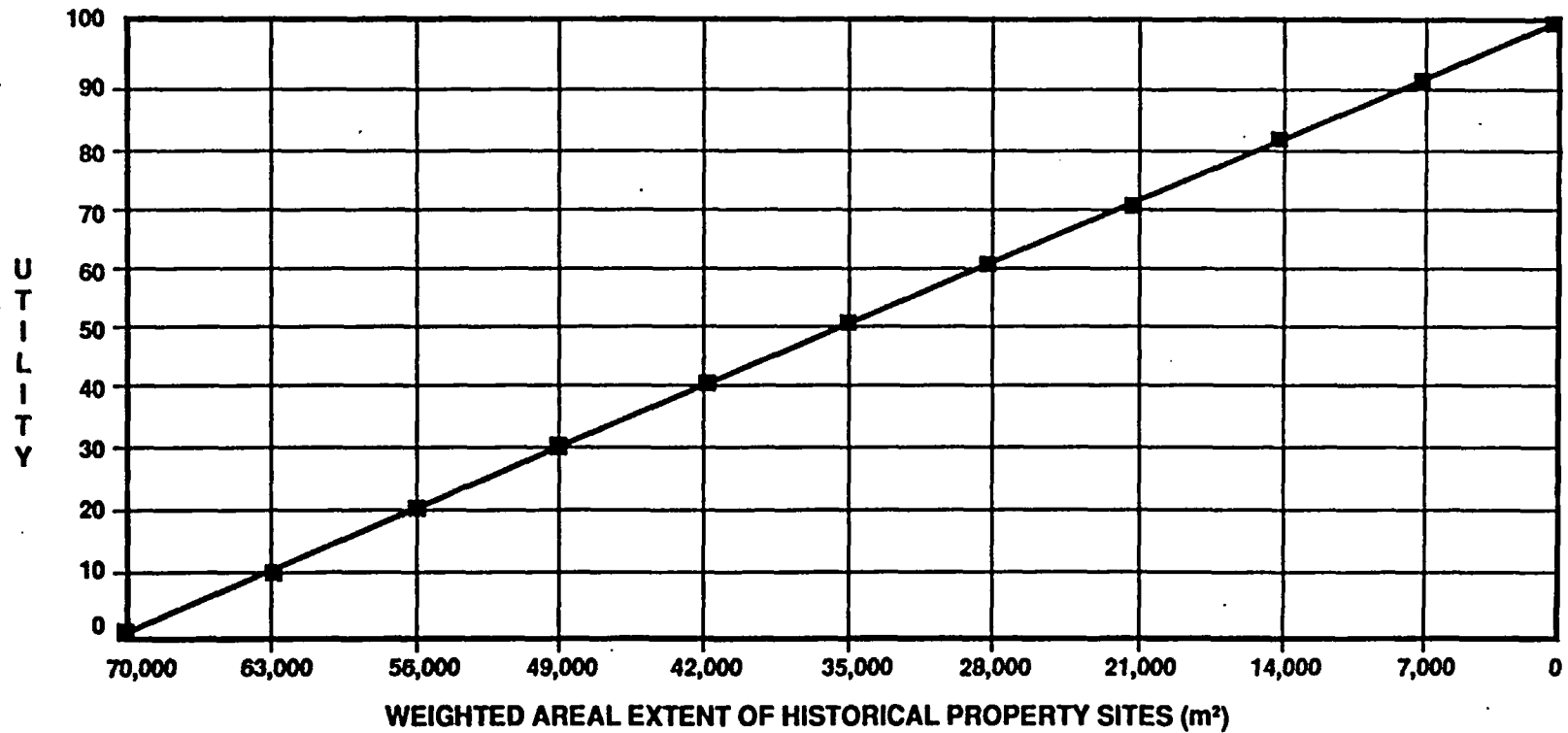


# EXAMPLE

## DEVELOPMENT OF A SINGLE-ATTRIBUTE

### UTILITY FUNCTION

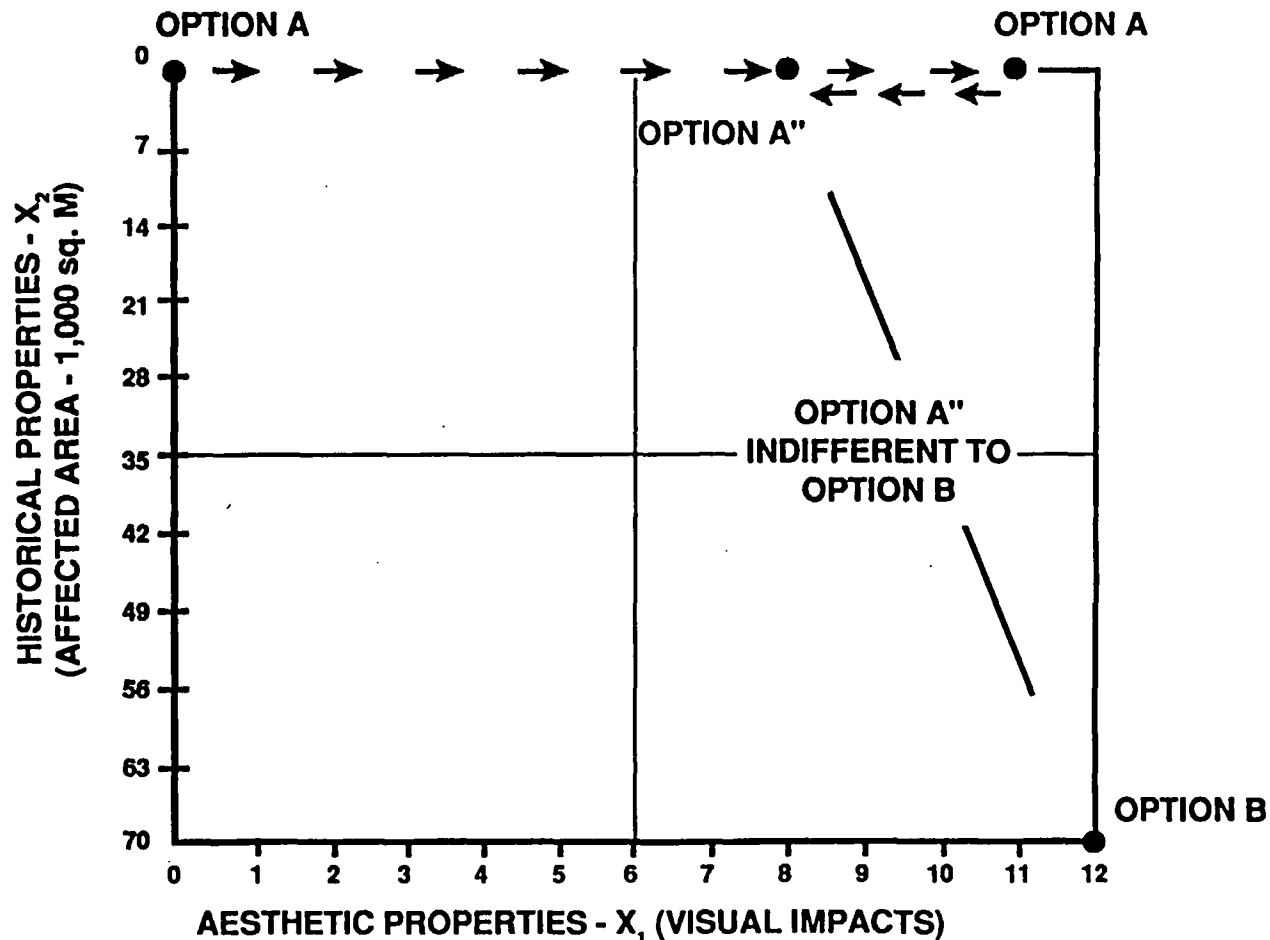
#### ENVIRONMENT: HISTORICAL PROPERTIES



# EXAMPLE SCALING (WEIGHTING) FACTOR

## AESTHETIC PROPERTIES vs HISTORICAL PROPERTIES

$$W_{\text{AESTHETIC}} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 0.86 \\ 5 \end{array} \right\} \times W_{\text{HISTORICAL}}$$



# **FUTURE PLANS**

- **COMPLETE SCORING AND MANAGEMENT ELICITATION ACTIVITIES**
- **AGGREGATE SCORES AND PERFORM SENSITIVITY STUDIES**
- **RANK ORDER ESF OPTIONS**
- **SELECT ESF CONFIGURATION TO BE RECOMMENDED TO DOE**