

And that's the end of this short course on how to analyze impacts for NEPA documents. Now remember, the goal of this course is to improve the analysis and documentation of your environmental impacts. So I hope your NEPA coordinator can confirm that this goal has been met.

I think we all want to prepare solid impact analyses that are going to withstand public scrutiny and legal challenge. Some of the tips, tools and techniques to remember while you're trying to do this are:

If you identify and agree on your impact indicators up front, it's going to help you quantify your impacts, including the context and intensity; and when you use your indicators in Chapters 3 and 4, it will help ensure that they'll match each other in scope and detail; when you think about data needs and methodology up front, it will help you plan your analysis more effectively; and then finally, when you include your assumptions and your rationale with your analysis, your conclusions will be more sound and more defensible.

Thank you so much for your time, interest and attention. So now you can either go directly to the post test, or if you'd like to learn a little something about determining significance for an Environmental Assessment, you can go on to the bonus lesson.