

That concludes our lesson on how to determine significance for your environmental impacts. As you can see, there's lots of things to consider when you're making this determination... context, intensity, threshold, what technique or methodology to use.

What we want to do is we want to get away from that two-sentence of Finding of No Significant Impact, or FONSI.

Remember, you need to document your rationale for your conclusions and document your assumptions. Like you learned in math class, show your work. You know the saying... if you don't document it, it didn't happen. And you may have excellent rationale for your significance determination, but if you don't document it, then you'll probably lose if challenged.

So remember to use the recently revised NEPA Handbook which provides additional guidance and clarification on all things NEPA.

Thank you so much for your time and good luck in your relentless pursuit of excellence in NEPA analysis and documentation.