

Determination of NEPA Adequacy: Summary and Exercise

CATHY: Okay. So now you know what a DNA is. You know how to fill out the worksheet. So let's do a little summary. We are going to do that by telling you about the top five things to remember about DNAs. Meagan?

MEAGAN: Number five, if you don't have conformance with your land use plan, you cannot do a DNA.

RICHARD: Number four, a DNA cannot be used to add analysis.

JOLIE: Number three, a DNA helps avoid redundancy and unnecessary work.

MEAGAN: Number two, a DNA worksheet is not a decision document.

RICHARD: And the number one thing to remember about DNAs is, DNA is a thought process rather than merely a documentation exercise.

CATHY: Thanks for that. There was your summary, and now for our final exercise. What we would like you to do is write down a few things that will help you apply what you just learned to your job because it's easy to forget what you've learned in a class if you don't write down how you are going to use it.

So what we'd like you to do is, first, write down what you are going to do differently with your DNAs as a result of what you just learned during this course. Take your time. Think a little bit about each of the steps we went through, what you work on the most, what you struggle with, where you think you are the weakest. Be clear and complete when you are writing down your thoughts so that you can refer back to them and understand them next week or next year.

Second, write down what you still need in order to be proficient at determining NEPA adequacy. Is it do you need more practice, more guidance? Do you need more clarification?

And then third, write down what you need to do to meet your needs in number two. Would it help to discuss it with your supervisor and NEPA coordinator, maybe working with someone doing a shadow assignment, going on a detail?

And then finally, the last step is to implement your plan. Make it happen.

Now, if you are interested in learning more about any other planning or NEPA topics, we've got lots of online classroom classes and broadcasts. So if you would like more information, just go to the resources tab on the left side of your screen.

And, I would like to thank our instructors for all of your insights and thoughts, and wish all of you good luck in your future endeavors in streamlining your NEPA efforts by effectively determining and documenting if your NEPA is adequate.