



Safety & Environment Moment (S&E Moment)

Script 18 – Environmental Impact

Good morning and welcome to the S&E Moment. We are continuing our episode on Terminologies used in Environmental Management, and today we are discussing Environmental Impact. It should be easy to define or understand Environmental Impact right now you understand natural environment, built environment, environmental aspects, environmental pollution.

Environmental Impact is synonymous to environmental pollution, and it is concerned with the resultant damage to the environment as a result of interaction between environmental aspects and the environment, i.e. air, land and water.

“Environmental Impact” is used in assessing the degree of damage/pollution to the environment used to define, assess and quantify the type, scale and magnitude of damage/pollution to the environment. We often hear Environment Professionals using statements such as “Direct Impacts”, “Indirect Impacts”, “Cumulative Impacts”, “Localised Impacts”, “National Impacts”, “Global Impacts”, “Limited Impacts”, “Wide-Ranging Impacts” “High Impacts”, “Medium Impacts”, “Low Impacts” etc. to describe the type, scale and magnitude of the impact to the environment.

The tool Environment Professionals normally use to assess the magnitude of impacts is the Livelihood and Severity Matrix. Try your hands on this, but you may need some guidance or coaching to be able to effectively use the Likelihood and Severity Matrix to assess and predict the magnitude of impacts from your activities if you are not an environmental management professional.

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Have a lovely day, bye.