

Extent

Score	Extent	Description
1	Low	Less than 20 people will be affected by the impact
2	Medium	Between 20 and 100 people stand to be affected by the impact
3	High	Between 100 and 1000 people stand to be affected by the impact
4	Very High	Greater than 1000 people stand to be affected by the impact

Probability

Score	Probability	Description
1	Unlikely	The chance of the impact occurring is extremely low (less than a 25% chance of occurrence)
2	Possible	The impact may occur (between a 25% to 50% chance of occurrence)
3	Probable	The impact will likely occur (between a 50% to a 75% chance of occurrence)
4	Definite	Impact will certainly occur (greater than a 75% chance of occurrence)

Social Value

Score	Social/Economic Value	Description
1	Low	Aspect or resource is of little or no concern to the local public and plays a limited role in the social health of communities
2	Medium	Aspect or resource is valued by an intermediate portion of the concerned population and/or plays an intermediate role in the social health of communities
3	High	Aspect or resource is valued by a significant portion of the concerned population and/or plays a significant role in the social health of communities
4	Very High	Aspect or resource is the object of legislative measures and/or is critical to the health of communities

Importance to Quality of Life

Score	Probability	Description
1	Low	The impact is of little importance to the overall quality of life
2	Medium	The impact is of intermediate importance to the overall quality of life
3	High	The impact is of high importance to the overall quality of life
4	Very High	The impact is of extremely high importance to the overall quality of life

Duration

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1	Short term	The impact and its effects will either disappear with mitigation or will be mitigated through natural process in a span shorter than the construction phase (0 – 1 years), or the impact and its effects will last for the period of a relatively short construction period and a limited recovery time after construction, thereafter it will be entirely negated (0 – 2 years).
2	Medium term	The impact and its effects will continue or last for some time after the construction phase but will be mitigated by direct human action or by natural processes thereafter (2 – 10 years).
3	Long term	The impact and its effects will continue or last for the entire operational life of the development, but will be mitigated by direct human action or by natural processes thereafter (10 – 50 years).
4	Permanent	The only class of impact that will be non-transitory. Mitigation either by man or natural process will not occur in such a way or such a time span that the impact can be considered transient (Indefinite).

Cumulative Effect

Score	Cumulative Effect	Description
1	Negligible cumulative impact	The impact would result in negligible to no cumulative effects
2	Low cumulative impact	The impact would result in insignificant cumulative effects
3	Medium cumulative impact	The impact would result in minor cumulative effects
4	High cumulative impact	The impact would result in significant cumulative effects

Intensity/Magnitude

Score	Cumulative Effect	Description
1	Low	Impact affects the quality, use and integrity of the system/component in a way that is barely perceptible.
2	Medium	Impact alters the quality, use and integrity of the system/component but system/ component still continues to function in a moderately modified way and maintains general integrity (some impact on integrity).
3	High	Impact affects the continued viability of the system/component and the quality, use, integrity and functionality of the system or component is severely impaired and may temporarily cease. High costs of rehabilitation and remediation.
4	Very high	Impact affects the continued viability of the system/component and the quality, use, integrity and functionality of the system or component permanently ceases and is irreversibly impaired (system collapse). Rehabilitation and remediation often impossible. If possible rehabilitation and remediation often unfeasible due to extremely high costs of rehabilitation and remediation.

Points	Impact Significance Rating	Description
6 to 28	Negative Low impact	The anticipated impact will have negligible negative effects and will require little to no mitigation.
6 to 28	Positive Low impact	The anticipated impact will have minor positive effects.
29 to 50	Negative Medium impact	The anticipated impact will have moderate negative effects and will require moderate mitigation measures.
29 to 50	Positive Medium impact	The anticipated impact will have moderate positive effects.
51 to 73	Negative High impact	The anticipated impact will have significant effects and will require significant mitigation measures to achieve an acceptable level of impact.
51 to 73	Positive High impact	The anticipated impact will have significant positive effects.
74 to 96	Negative Very high impact	The anticipated impact will have highly significant effects and are unlikely to be able to be mitigated adequately. These impacts could be considered "fatal flaws".
74 to 96	Positive Very high impact	The anticipated impact will have highly significant positive effects.