

Measuring What Changed

So, while the environmental approval is an important milestone, it is only one measure of success . The greater value of environmental consultancy is realised through the outcomes that environmental considerations bring to the project. Measuring this impact means looking beyond the approval of the EIA and asking whether the environmental inputs – through the design, construction, and operation – have changed the project decisions, reduced the environmental impacts, and costs over time .

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Did the environmental assessment influence the design?

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Did the design integration help avoid or reduce an environmental impact?

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Were the commitments made during the EIA implemented during construction?

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Did the monitoring lead to a changed assessment more suitable to the project current conditions?

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Are the mitigation measures still effective during operation?

These are some of the questions that move environmental consultancy beyond approvals and towards measurable impact.

Ultimately, the true measure of environmental consultancy is not only whether an approval was obtained, but what changed because we were involved.



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