

REF 400-a1: Typical Content of a NEPA FONSI

Where the EA supports a determination of no significant impact for a project, WSDOT can request a FONSI from FHWA. WSDOT should submit a copy of the EA (revised or with attachments), a copy of the public hearing transcript (if held), a recommendation of the preferred alternative, and a request that a finding of no significant impact be made by FHWA. While WSDOT recommends a FONSI, the FONSI is produced and provided by FHWA.

Typical contents of a request for a FONSI should include:

- Cover (include Summary Statement of No Significant Impacts)
- Title Sheet (use EIS format in WSDOT Format Manual)
- Description of Proposed Action (recap from the EA)
- EA Coordination and Comments (list EA issue date, hearing date, and summary of comments)
- Supportive Environmental Findings
 - Farmland Finding
 - Wetland Finding
 - Environmental Justice (Minority Populations and Low-income Populations)
- Attachments (indicate that the EA and EA/design hearing transcript are incorporated by reference into this FONSI. Indicate where copies of both documents can be obtained).
 - Errata to EA and Hearing Transcript
 - Notice of Availability of FONSI and Notice of Adoption of EA under SEPA with Publication Listing (text of notice and newspaper listing for notice)
 - FONSI distribution list
 - Mitigation commitment list
 - Written comments with responses
 - Hearing comments with responses

Documents that request a FONSI should show compliance with NEPA and other laws, Executive Orders, and requirements or provide reasonable assurance that their requirements can be met. For guidance on the form and process for a NEPA FONSI, see FHWA [Technical Advisory T 6640.8A](#).