

Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Application Ranking Summary
EQIP SPCC Facilities**

Program: EQIP 2008	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: EQIP SPCC Facilities	Applicant:	
Final Ranking Score:	Address:	
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	250 Point(s)
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	15 Point(s)
2. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)?	15 Point(s)
2. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?	5 Point(s)
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer implement conservation practices which:	
3. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?	15 Point(s)

3. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	10 Point(s)
3. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	5 Point(s)
Clean Air: Treatment of air quality from agricultural sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
4. a. Meet on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	15 Point(s)
4. b. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO2 (Carbon Dioxide), CH4 (Methane), and N2O (Nitrous Oxide)?	15 Point(s)
4. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	5 Point(s)
Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	15 Point(s)
5. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?	5 Point(s)
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
6. a. Benefit on-farm habitat associated with threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	15 Point(s)
6. b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	10 Point(s)
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project assist the producer implement practices which:	
7. a. Help manage or control noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	10 Point(s)
7. b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species?	10 Point(s)
7. c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses?	5 Point(s)
7. d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan?	10 Point(s)

7. e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan?	10 Point(s)
7. f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management?	5 Point(s)
Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
8. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	15 Point(s)
8. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with practices and improvements identified in an approved energy audit equivalent to criteria required in Ag EMP (122,124)?	10 Point(s)
8. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants?	10 Point(s)
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
9. a. Implementation of all conservation practices scheduled in the contract on the CPA-1155 within three years of date of obligation?	10 Point(s)
9. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted?	5 Point(s)
9. c. Implementation of practice(s) which will complete an existing conservation system or suite of practices?	5 Point(s)

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Answer only one question regarding location from a water body or ground water (Ques. 1-3)	
1. Project is located within ½ mile of a stream, waterway; or ground water depth less than 5 feet from the surface.	200 Point(s)
2. Project is located within 1 mile of a stream, waterway; or ground water depth greater than 5 feet and less than 10 feet from the surface.	100 Point(s)
3. Project is located within 3 miles of a stream, waterway; or ground water depth greater than 10 feet from the surface.	50 Point(s)
Answer only one question regarding containment of spill (Ques. 4-6)	

4. Implementation of the identified practice(s) will result in 100 percent containment of a potential spill from the project site.	200 Point(s)
5. Implementation of the identified practice(s) will result in containment of 80 percent of a potential spill from the project site.	100 Point(s)
6. Implementation of the identified practice(s) will result in less than 60 percent containment of a potential spill from the project site.	50 Point(s)
If the answer to this question is YES, then this applicant does not meet the requirements for a contract	
7. Producer has neither self certified nor obtained a SPCC plan prior to applying for a containment structure.	-400 Point(s)

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering “Yes” to the following question. Answering “Yes” to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the local priority category.	
5. 1a. Is the program application for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for a TSP prepared Oil Spill, Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Plan (150)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other state level questions. If answer is “No”, proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section	250 Point(s)
Answer one of the next 3 questions	
1. Producer an approved SPCC plan or has self certified on the EPA site and has a design by a licensed engineer that meets the farm or ranch fuel containment needs and is ready to be reviewed by the NRCS State Conservation Engineer.	250 Point(s)
2. Producer has a SPCC plan (has 10,000 gallons or more) that has been approved by the NRCS State Conservation Engineer but needs the design completed by a TSP.	150 Point(s)

3. Producer does not need a SPCC plan but has self certified (has less than 10,000 gallons) on the EPA site and needs the design completed by a TSP.	100 Point(s)
If the answer to this question is YES, then the applicant does not qualify for a contract.	
4. Producer has neither self certified nor obtained a SPCC plan prior to applying for a containment structure.	-250 Point(s)