

Screening Criteria

**Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) – Sediment Removal Pilot  
NATIONAL SCREENING CRITERIA WORKSHEET – Fiscal Year 2013**

**A Screening Worksheet is required to be completed for each eligible EQIP application.**

**Instructions:**

This screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible producer applying for EQIP assistance for the Sediment Removal Pilot. Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis; however, cutoff dates are established for purposes of ranking and funding allocation. The goal of this screening tool is to ensure that conservation technical assistance and EQIP program benefits are efficiently allocated to address priority projects.

Completion of this worksheet and documentation does not constitute agreement to provide EQIP program benefits or approval of an EQIP contract. The original screening worksheet should be filed with the applicant case file or EQIP program file and the screening priority (High, Medium, and Low) must be recorded in ProTracts. Upon request, a copy of any completed screening worksheet may be provided to the applicant.

**Detailed Screening Criteria Worksheet – Complete for Each Eligible EQIP Applicant**

Applicant Name:		County:	
Application No:		Field Office:	
Evaluator Name:		Date:	

**Instructions:** For each eligible application submitted by the announced cutoff deadline, complete the following worksheet. Applications submitted after this date must be deferred until the next funding cycle. Use of this screening tool is mandatory and must be completed prior to ranking.

**Priority Determination for ProTracts – Select One:**

<p><b>High Priority Category:</b> The application will be considered high priority if all of the following are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Determination from NRCS or third party indicating structures meet current NRCS design standards for 378, 436, 402, or 397. <b>AND</b></li> <li>-The existing structure is a minimum of 1 acre-foot in size. <b>AND</b></li> <li>-NRCS checklist and CPA-52 indicates no hazardous or contaminated sediments are present. <b>OR</b></li> <li>-An assessment or report from third party indicates no hazardous materials or contamination of sediment</li> <li>-The alternative to remove sediment is the best and least cost alternative.</li> </ul>	<p><b>High-Priority Status In ProTracts</b></p>
<p><b>Medium Priority Category:</b> No medium-priority projects for Sediment Removal Pilot</p>	<p><b>N/A</b></p>
<p><b>Low Priority Category: DO NOT RANK LOW-PRIORITY APPLICATIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-All other applications.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Low-Priority Status In ProTracts</b></p>

The priority determination of High, Medium or Low must be recorded in ProTracts for this applicant.

D.C. Approval:		Date Approved:	
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