

REQUEST FOR WAIVER TO START EQIP or WHIP PROJECT EARLY

Applicant Name: _____ ProTracts Application #: _____

I have applied for funding under (check one) EQIP or WHIP, and am requesting a waiver to begin work on the following practice(s) prior to approval of a contract:

The reason for my request to start this project early is (*describe in detail*):

_____ (*attach continuation sheet if needed*).

I understand that I have not been approved for funding under the EQIP or WHIP, and that **I am starting this project at my own risk**, regardless of the outcome of this waiver request.

I understand that even if the waiver is granted I may be ineligible to receive payments if any of the following occurs:

- Practices are started prior to the granting of this waiver.
- Practices do not meet NRCS standard and specifications.
- Practices are started without an NRCS approved design.
- Practices are started without completed Cultural Resources Review.
- Practices are not included in an approved contract.
- The EQIP or WHIP contract is not approved.

I understand that TSP services provided to me prior to EQIP or WHIP contract approval are not eligible for EQIP or WHIP funding.

I also understand that, if granted, this waiver will expire on September 30 of the year approved.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

District Conservationist recommendation: _____

WAIVER APPROVED: _____ WAIVER DENIED: _____

Conditions for Partial Approval: _____

Reason for Denial: _____

NRCS Area Conservationist _____ Date _____