

Attachment I:

Draft Template - Producer Self-Certification
Eligibility for EQIP Organic during Transition Period:

To: District Conservationist
NRCS

For your consideration, I have submitted an application through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to assist me with transitioning my farm/ranch to an organic production system.

By this letter, I hereby acknowledge that in order to receive organic related technical and financial assistance through EQIP, I agree *to develop and implement conservation practices for certified organic production that are consistent with an organic system plan* per provisions established in the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Farm Bill) and to standards established in the National Organic Programs (NOP) Act (7 USC 6501-6522).

I understand that if I do not meet this requirement during the period while transitioning to organic production, my EQIP program contract may be terminated and I may be responsible for repayment of benefits received and possible assessment of liquidated damages.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

<Name>

<Address>

<City, State ZIP>

<Phone and/or email>