

NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program - Arizona Statewide Screening Worksheet FY2013

Complete Screening Worksheet for ALL eligible applications

Applicant Name:	Sign-up #:	Application #	Subaccount(s)
Evaluator Name:	Service Office:		1)
D.C. Name:	DC Approval:	Date:	2)

Criteria	Yes	Yes - Result	No	No - Result	Notes
1. Is the applicant and land proposed for EQIP are eligible for the program?		Go to Question 2		Ineligible. Notify applicant by letter DO NOT CONTINUE SCREENING	
2. Is the application for EQIP based upon an up-to-date, approved conservation plan on the unit ¹ signed by the applicant that addresses a resource concern for the subaccount?		Go to Question 3		Take no further action until plan is approved. If plan is not approved by end of screening period, defer application to next batching period (April 19 th 2013).	
3. Do all practices in current application address Statewide or Local Priority Resource Concern(s) to an adequate level of treatment that has been properly analyzed through the NEPA process. ²		Go to question 4		Low Priority	
4. Does the applicant have an existing contract; or a prior contract which is still within the lifespan of practices installed with NRCS assistance? ³		Continue to 4a		Go to question 5	
a. Has the applicant properly operated and maintained all practices installed with prior NRCS Financial Assistance?		Go to question 5		Low Priority	
5. Does the applicant intend to apply all structural and/or vegetative practices in the proposed contract within 2 years? ⁴		Go to question 6		Got to question 7	
6. Do the majority (>50%) of practices in the current application treat High Priority Statewide or Local Resource Concerns?		High Priority		Go to question 7	
7. Do the majority (>50%) of practices in the current application treat Medium Priority Statewide or Local Resource Concerns?		Medium Priority		Low Priority	

Screening Results

High Priority.	Upload final CST plan, and complete final ranking. High Priority applicants will be funded before Medium and Low Priority applicants.
Medium Priority	Complete ranking and move toward "pre-approved" status only after high priority applications have been ranked, funding committed, and there are additional funds available during ranking period.
Low Priority	Complete ranking and move toward "pre-approved" status only after high and medium priority applications have been ranked, funding obligated, and there are additional funds available during ranking period.

1. Approved conservation plan is signed by a Certified Conservation Planner and addresses, at a minimum, the resource concern(s) identified by the applicant. The plan must have documented steps 1-7 of the conservation planning process. For public land (State or Federally owned), there must be a CRMP, signed by all agencies and the applicant.
2. This includes the completion of the Environmental Evaluation, NRCS-CPA-52, that is sufficiently analyzed in an existing NEPA document or categorically excluded and does not require additional site-specific analysis.
3. The ASTC (FO) may waive this question, on a case by case basis, for applicants if there are compelling reasons beyond their control.
4. Associated supporting management practices can extend past the initial 2 year period.