

**Screening Worksheet
EQIP – Ogallala Aquifer Initiative (OAI)**

Applicant Name: _____ Application No.: _____

Field Office: _____

**If any of the following boxes are checked, then the application is Low Priority.
(exceptional circumstances that should be considered may be explained in the notes below)**

<input type="checkbox"/>	The applicant does not have eligibility paperwork filed within 14 business days after the batching date.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The applicant has had a contract terminated for non-compliance in the last 3 years.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The applicant has existing/current contracts that are out of compliance due to schedule or other issues.
<input type="checkbox"/>	One or more of the proposed practices in this application was deleted from a previous contract on the same contracted acres.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed conservation practices were previously completed and have failed due to lack of maintenance by the applicant.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The project will require significant <u>engineering</u> or other technical assistance. If adequate preliminary designs have not been completed for dependable estimates and accurate contracting, then defer the application and re-evaluate when project is ready to move forward.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The project requires permitting that has not yet been approved and could delay implementation. (defer the application and re-evaluate when the project is ready to move forward)
<input type="checkbox"/>	The application is outside the boundary of the Ogallala Aquifer.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Applicant does not agree to voluntarily abandon the water right for the offered acres.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Additional local criteria:

**If none of the boxes above have been checked, and any of the following boxes are checked, then the application is Medium Priority.
(exceptional circumstances to be considered may be explained in the notes below)**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Applicant has requested cancellation of a contract in the past 3 years.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Some, but not all, of the planned practices address a high priority resource concern, as identified by the local work group.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Applicant agrees to voluntarily abandon all or a portion of the water right for the offered acres.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The application is within the boundary of the Ogallala Aquifer.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Additional local criteria:

To be High Priority, all of the following must be met.

<input type="checkbox"/>	A conservation plan has been developed with the applicant in the last 3 years. The conservation plan covers all the acres in the CMU and includes a schedule of structural, vegetative, and management practices to address the resource concerns.
<input type="checkbox"/>	All of the significant resource concerns on the land included in the application are being addressed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The significant resource concerns being addressed are consistent with national, state, and local priorities.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Applicant agrees to voluntarily abandon all water rights for the offered acres.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The application is located in a priority area for the Ogallala Initiative (Water Quality or Water Quantity priority area)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Additional local criteria:

Additional Notes (Use this block to explain responses or exceptional circumstances to be considered in assigning a priority to the application):

Priority:

<input type="checkbox"/>	High	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Low		
		District Conservationist Signature	Date