

**Screening Criteria Requirements:**

The following screening criteria shall be used to support the National On-Farm Energy Initiative.

**NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)  
National On-Farm Energy Initiative  
NATIONAL SCREENING CRITERIA WORKSHEET - Fiscal Year 2013**

*A Screening Worksheet must be completed for each eligible EQIP application.*

Instructions:

This screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible producer applying for EQIP On-Farm Energy Initiative assistance. Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis; however, application periods are established for purposes of evaluation, ranking, and funding decisions.

Completion of this worksheet and documentation does not constitute agreement to provide EQIP program benefits nor approval of a program contract. The original screening worksheet should be filed with the applicant case file or EQIP program file and unless the application is determined to be ineligible, 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:	

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

<p><b><u>High Priority Category:</u></b> The application is for an Agricultural Energy Management Plan (122 or 124); Or The application includes at least one “Core<sup>1</sup>” conservation practice necessary to implement the recommendations identified in a recently (within the last 4 years) completed Agricultural Energy Management Plan (122 or 124) or comprehensive on-farm energy audit meeting ASABE S612 Type 2 standard.</p>	<p><b>High Priority</b> Status in ProTracts</p>
<p><b><u>Medium Priority Category:</u></b> The application includes 0 “Core” conservation practices but does include at least 1 “Supporting” conservation practice necessary to implement the recommendations identified in a recently (within the last 4 years) completed Agricultural Energy Management Plan (122 or 124) or comprehensive on-farm energy audit meeting ASABE S612 Type 2 standard.</p>	<p><b>Medium Priority</b> Status in ProTracts</p>
<p><b><u>Low Priority Category:</u></b> Low Priority Applications <u>will not be ranked</u>. All other applications</p>	<p><b>Low Priority</b> Status in ProTracts</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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<sup>1</sup>**Core Practices** for the National On-Farm Energy Initiative are as follows. All other practices listed in guidance are considered Supporting Practices:

Practice Name	Practice Code
Agricultural Energy Management Plan - Headquarters	122
Agricultural Energy Management Plan – Landscape	124
Farmstead Energy Improvement	374
Irrigation Water Management	449
Pumping Plant	533