

Significant Ranking Criteria

Example #1

Criteria	High = 3	Medium = 2	Low = 1
Severity/scale of impact	Large scale impact on the environment - catastrophic	Localized impact to the environment – geographically limited remaining within borders of farm.	Isolated or no impact
Legal/Regulatory compliance	Regulated – could result in fine or NOV	Regulated – could result in potential NOD or other violation	Not regulated
Public Concern	Of great interest/concern	Of some interest/concern	Not of interest/concern
Likelihood of occurrence	Almost certain to occur	Somewhat likely to occur	Not likely to occur

Example #2

	None (0)	Low (1)	Medium (3)	High (5)
Scale (or area) of impact	No impact to the environment	Isolated or little impact to environment	Localized impact to the environment – geographically limited	Large scale impact on the environment - catastrophic
Public concern	No public concern	Little interest/concern to public	Some interest/concern to public	Great interest/concern to public
Legal requirements (X2)	Not regulated	Regulated but little or no possibility of potential NOD or other violation	Regulated/could result in potential NOD or other violation	Regulated/could result in fine or NOV
Cost	No cost, may save money	Low cost to farm	Significant cost to farm	Excessive cost to farm
Probability of impact	No chance of occurring	Small chance will occur	Likely to happen	Will probably happen