

EXHIBIT 7: Action Class Judgment Worksheet

United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service Office of Scientific Quality Review	Project Plan Title:
National Program: Panel Dates:	Lead Scientist:

ACTION CLASS RATING WORKSHEET

See Guidelines for Reviewing ARS Research Project Plans	Scientific Quality Review Officers: The Officer whose signature appears below agrees to treat the contents of this Plan as confidential and that no basis for a conflict of interest has been found. Final determination of conflicts of interest, which are outlined in the Guidelines for Reviewing ARS Research Project Plans, resides with the OSQR.		
Individual quality ratings translate into the following numerical values: No Revision Required = 8 points No revision is required, but minor changes to the project plan may be made. Minor Revision Required = 6 points The project plan is basically feasible as written but requires some revision to increase quality to a higher level. Moderate Revision Required = 4 points The project plan is basically feasible as written but requires moderate revision to one or more objectives, perhaps involving changes to the experimental approaches, in order to increase quality to a higher level. The project plan may also need some rewriting for greater clarity. Major Revision Required = 2 points Substantial revision to one or more objectives is necessary, but the project plan should be sound and feasible after significant revision. Not Feasible = 0 points The project plan has major flaws or deficiencies, and cannot be simply revised to produce a sound project. If the project is not terminated, a complete redesign and rewrite are required. Per project plan, individual panelist quality ratings will be tallied, divided by the total number of panelists (panel members, plus panel chair, excluding ad-hoc reviewers), and rounded to the nearest tenth to arrive at a final project score. Final Project Ratings are as follows: No Revision Required: >7.0 Minor Revision Required: 5.1 to 6.9 Moderate Revision Required: 3.1 to 5.0 Major Revision Required: 1.1 to 3.0 Not Feasible: <1.1	Reviewer #	Quality Rating	Numerical Value
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	Scientific Quality Review Officer's Name <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> (Please type or print name) <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> Signature Date		EVALUATION No Revision Required Minor Revision Required Moderate Revision Required Major Revision Required Not Feasible

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