



Annual Assessment Waiver Application

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Irrigation Project:

Irrigation Season:

Requester's Name:

Legal description of the assessable acres I own/lease included under this waiver and service location:

Detailed description of deficiencies in BIA infrastructure preventing water delivery (attach additional pages as needed):

Signature:

Date:

Purpose: This form is for requesting an Annual Assessment Waiver which if approved, allows the BIA to waive the annual operation and maintenance (O&M) assessment for 1 year. For your land to be granted an Annual Assessment Waiver, BIA must determine that our irrigation facilities are not capable of delivering adequate irrigation water to owned or leased land due to deficiencies in the irrigation infrastructure per 25 CFR §171.700. If approved, both parties agree that irrigation water will not be delivered in any quantity to the designated farm unit.

Instructions: Return this completed form to your local Irrigation Office. Please attach additional relevant documentation (including photos). This waiver application must be received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs prior to the bill due date for the year for which you are requesting the Annual Assessment Waiver. The Annual Assessment Waiver is only valid for the year in which it is granted. To obtain an Annual Assessment Waiver for a subsequent year, you must reapply. In order to be eligible for an Assessment Waiver, your Taxpayer Identification Number (SSN or EIN) must be on file.

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BIA Signatures and Approvals

The BIA certifies that it is not capable of delivering adequate irrigation water to the farm unit identified above, due to deficiencies in BIA irrigation facilities. BIA also certifies that inadequate water supply due to natural conditions or climate is not justification for granting this Annual Assessment Waiver. (25 CFR 171§§ 700-720)

Project Manager/Engineer: Recommend Not Recommend

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Regional Irrigation Engineer: Concur Non Concur

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Agency Superintendent: Approve Disapprove

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please indicate reason for denial in Remarks below.

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1. Posted in NIIMS? Yes No

2. Assigned Assessment Waiver Number:

3. Date Waiver Approved (Month Day, Year):

4. Unit/Serial Designation(s):	Unit:	Serial:
	Unit	Serial:
	Unit	Serial:
	Unit	Serial:
	Unit	Serial:
	Unit	Serial:

5. Maximo Asset ID(s):

6. Remarks:

Instructions for Assessment Waiver Package

Water User

Questions regarding this form should be directed to your local Irrigation Program staff. The completed form should be returned to the Irrigation Program staff along with supporting documentation. Please attach additional relevant documentation (including photos).

Irrigation Project Staff

The following items shall be included in the Assessment Waiver package.

- 1) A copy of the current O&M bill that clearly identifies the specific tract of land being considered for waiver, including the legal description and/or the Unit/Serial numbers for that tract.
- 2) A copy of a map and/or aerial photo that shows the location(s) of deficiencies hindering BIA's ability to deliver service.
- 3) A copy of any documentation (current or prior year's work order(s)) requests for infrastructure repair/rehabilitation.
- 4) A copy of documentation from site visits, historic information and/or current photos, reports, etc.
- 5) A NIIMS print screen of any cancellation of prior year O&M assessments due to inability to deliver water.
- 6) A copy of previous Annual Assessment Waivers for this same tract.

This package must be compiled and sent to the Regional Irrigation Engineer for concurrence prior to final approval by the Agency Superintendent.