

567—91.10(455B) Local water protection projects rating system.

91.10(1) Local water protection projects rating criteria. The local water protection projects rating criteria consider the use classification of the receiving waters, water quality of the receiving waters, the watershed management planning status in the watershed where the project is located and a tiebreaker. Priority ranking for the projects is based on the total points awarded for all the categories. The greater total number of points, the higher the ranking.

a. Use classification of receiving waters. This category addresses the receiving water use classification that would be improved or protected by the proposed project. Points shall be awarded and shall be cumulative for all designated use classifications of the receiving stream.

Use and Classification	Points
Outstanding national resource waters (proposed water use)	50
High quality waters	40
High quality resource waters	20
Class A1 waters	50
Class A2 waters	45
Class A3 waters	45
Class C waters	40
Class B (CW1) waters	50
Class B (CW2) waters	30
Class B (WW) waters	30
Class B (LW) waters	35
Class B (LR) waters	25

b. Water quality of receiving waters. This category addresses the quality of water in the receiving stream and whether or not the water has been designated as impaired for some uses. Bodies of water that are impaired by pollutants are identified as Section 303(d) waters. The Section 303(d) list of waters also identifies probable pollutant source categories for these impairments. Projects that primarily impact these waters are awarded points if the water body that receives or could receive the discharge is included on the Section 303(d) list and the probable pollutant source is a nonpoint source. Waters are also identified in the Section 305(b) report on their use attainment status. Projects that primarily impact these waters are awarded points depending on the use impairment identified for the water body that receives or could receive the discharge. If no use impairment is identified, the fully supporting status points will be awarded. Points will be awarded for both sections and then totaled for this category.

Indication of water quality	Points
A	
Section 303(d) listed water	
Identified as probable source or contributing to problem: Nonpoint source (if nonpoint sources are not the probable source of pollution, the following points are to be used)	100
High rating for TMDL development	90
Medium rating for TMDL development	80
Low rating for TMDL development	70
B	
Section 305(b) status	
Fully supporting	10
Fully supporting/threatened	20
Partially supporting	30
Not supporting	40

