



**ASSESSMENT OF COMMUNITY READINESS FOR
POLICY-FOCUSED ENVIRONMENTAL PREVENTION**

Scoring Instructions for the Community Readiness Questions

1. Move through the interviews one at a time (using the “Community Readiness for Environmental Prevention Questions”), scoring each interview individually (using the “Scoring Sheets”). Read through each interview before you begin to score to get a general feeling and impression of from the interview.
2. Begin picking out statement and references that refer to specific components, and then create a score for each of the five (5) components according to the anchored grading scales (detailed in the Scoring Sheets). Each interview will encompass five different components scores (one for each the components of the implementation model). Interviews are scored by components and not by individual questions.
3. Under the section titled “Individual Score” (on the “Community Readiness Scoring” page), you are to fill in your scores for each component of each of the interviews. Please note: There may be more than six (6) key informant interviews in a community. If this is the case simply use a second copy of this page, clearly labeled as Interviews 7-10.
4. The section under the subheading “Combined Score” (on the “Community Readiness Scoring” page) represents the section where you and one other scorer that scored this same community will come together and agree on the scores for each interview on each of the components. It is important that there be consensus on the scores by both scorers. Remember different people can have slightly different impressions and it is important to explain how you arrived at your decision. Enter your agreed upon score on one of the scoring sheets for each component and each interview.
5. After both scorers have agreed upon the scores in the above section, the mean will be calculated for the “Calculated Score.” For some (actually many) this can be confusing so let me give you an example. Let’s say that under the “Final Score” section, myself and the other scorer have under Component Policy the following:

<u>Component POLICY:</u>	<u>#1</u>	<u>#2</u>	<u>#3</u>	<u>#4</u>
	1.5	3.0	2.25	2.75

I would add the scores across for all interviews under Component POLICY and divide by four (4) (calculate the mean). So, I would get a calculated score for Component POLICY of 2.375. This will then be entered in Component POLICY, “Calculated Score”, and so forth by Component.

6. For the “Average” at the bottom of the page, Component Media Advocacy, you will take the Calculated Score for each Component, add them together and divide by five (5) (the mean for all of the components combined). For example, if we had:

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Component POLICY:	2.38	
Component INTENTIONAL ORG:	3.1	
Component APPLIED DATA:	3.25	
Component ENFORCEMENT:	3.75	
Component MEDIA ADVOCACY:	<u>2.25</u>	
	14.73	14.73 / 5 = 2.95

A score of 2.95 would be entered under “Average.”

7. For “Stage”, you will enter the stage that is represented by your final average. In the above example, the “Calculated Average” represents the 2nd stage or “Mixed Approaches and Solutions.” Please note: The scores correspond with the numbered stage, so a score between a 1.0 and a 1.99 would be the first stage, a score of 2.0 to 2.99 would be the second and so forth.

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