
QAC Step by Step Early Alert Program

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QAC Home Page

The screenshot shows the QAC Home Page with a dark red header. The header contains the text "QAC Home" on the left and "0.0.8" on the right. The main content area is divided into several sections: "Performance", "Supervision Samples", "Ability", "Other", and "Administration". Each section contains a list of links. A blue arrow points to the "Early Alert Program" link in the "Other" section. The footer contains a row of links: "GIPSA | USDA.gov", "FOIA | Accessibility Statement | Privacy Policy | Non-Discrimination Statement | Information Quality | FirstGov | White House".

QAC Home 0.0.8

Quality Assurance Control Home Page

Performance

- [Create New Targeted SIMS](#)
- [Edit New SIMS](#)
- [Edit Existing SIMS](#)
- [Create New Targeted STEP](#)
- [Edit New STEP](#)
- [Edit Existing STEP](#)

Supervision Samples

- [Create Domestic Complaint](#)
- [Edit Existing Domestic Complaints](#)
- [Create Foreign Complaint](#)
- [Edit Existing Foreign Complaints](#)

Ability

- [Edit Existing Corrective Action](#)
- [Create New Opinion](#)
- [Edit Existing Opinion](#)
- [Create New OTS](#)
- [Edit Existing OTS](#)
- [Create New PAS](#)
- [Edit Existing PAS](#)
- [Create New Referee](#)
- [Edit Existing Referee](#)
- [Create New Survey](#)
- [Edit Existing Survey](#)
- [Create New Voluntary STEP](#)
- [Edit Existing Voluntary STEP](#)

Other

- [Early Alert Program](#) ←

Administration

- [SIMS Tolerances](#)
- [SIMS Distribution Rates](#)
- [Random SIMS Stratified Rates](#)
- [Flagged SIMS Profiles](#)
- [Random STEP Submission Rates](#)
- [Flagged STEP Profiles](#)
- [Factor Threshold Score](#)

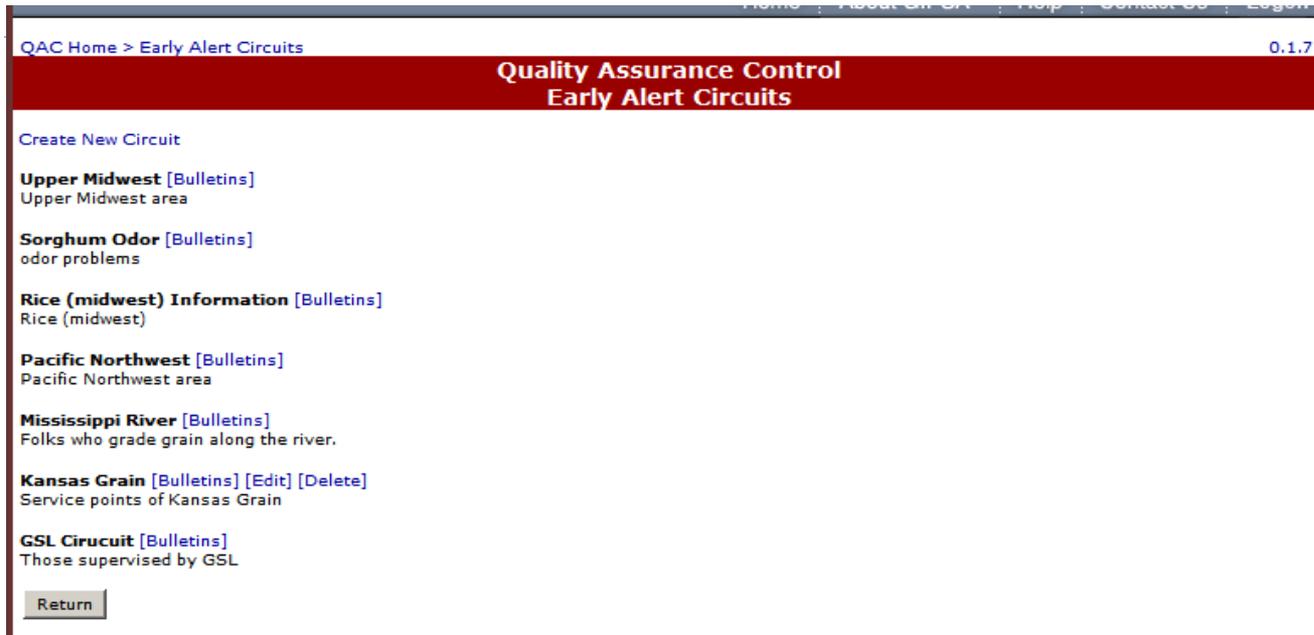
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The small link at the top left (example is “QAC Home”) is called a Breadcrumb. These can be clicked to navigate to other pages or come back “Home”.

Early Alerts

- ▶ Early Alerts is a bulletin board like tool that will allow information to get out to everyone quickly.
- ▶ The BAR, QACS, FOSS, and GSL can click on the Early Alert Program link and click the Create Circuits link to create new local and national circuits.
- ▶ The OSP QAS can click on Early Alert Program and click the Create Circuits link to create new local circuits.
- ▶ BAR, QACS, FOSS, GSL and OSP QAS can click on the Bulletins link and type in a new message. When the Post button is pressed, the message is posted and an email goes out to all member/subscribers of that circuit.
- ▶ Everyone can read and respond to all posts.

Early Alert Program



- Click 'Create New Circuit'
 1. OSP QAS can create local circuits.
 2. BAR, QACS, FOSS and GSL can create national and local circuits.
- Click 'Bulletins' - Anyone with e-authentication can read and respond to alerts in any Bulletin.
- Click 'Edit' - BAR, QACS, FOSS and GSL can edit any circuit.
- Click 'Delete' - BAR, QACS, FOSS and GSL can delete any circuit.
- Click Return to return to QAC home page.

Create New Circuits

QAC Home > Early Alert Circuits > Create Early Alert Circuit 0.0.7

Quality Assurance Control
Create Early Alert Circuit

Circuit Name:

Description:

OSP:

- FGIS - Analytical Services Group
- FGIS - Cedar Rapids Field Office
- FGIS - Field Management Division (FOSS)
- FGIS - Grading Services Lab
- FGIS - Grand Forks Field Office
- FGIS - League City Field Office
- FGIS - Minneapolis Field Office
- FGIS - Montreal Field Office
- FGIS - Moscow Suboffice
- FGIS - New Orleans Field Office
- FGIS - Portland Field Office
- FGIS - Stuttgart Field Office
- FGIS - Subjective Analysis and Board Appeals Group
- FGIS - Toledo Field Office
- FGIS - Washington Federal/State Office

Subscribers:
(email addresses)

- Enter a unique and descriptive Circuit Name.
- Enter Description of circuit.
- Select OSPs to be in the Circuit
- Email addresses that are not found in OPA can be added as subscribers.
- Subscribers and OSPs will receive an email whenever something new is posted to this Circuit.

Create New Circuit - example

QAC Home > Early Alert Circuits > Create Early Alert Circuit 0.0.7

Quality Assurance Control
Create Early Alert Circuit

Circuit Name: Mississippi River

Description: Folks who grade grain along the river.

OSP:

Global Grain Inspection Services, Inc. Hastings Grain Inspection, Inc. Jinks Grain Weighing Service Kansas Grain Inspection Service, Inc. KCE Inspection Services, LLC Lewiston Grain Inspection Service, Inc. Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry Minot Grain Inspection, Inc. Shepley's ITE RENAME Test RETEST please work Titus Grain Inspection, Inc. Tri-State Grain Inspection Service, Inc. Virginia Department of Agriculture and consumer Services Washington Department of Agriculture Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Minnesota Department of Agriculture	FGIS - Cedar Rapids Field Office FGIS - New Orleans Field Office FGIS - Stuttgart Field Office FGIS - Toledo Field Office Cairo Grain Inspection Agency, Inc. Champaign-Danville Grain Inspection Departments, Inc. Eastern Iowa Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc. Illinois Official Grain Inspection J. W. Barton Grain Inspection Service, Inc. Kankakee Grain Inspection, Inc. Keokuk Grain Inspection Service
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Subscribers: (email addresses)
test@test.com

Press Save to save and exit or Return to cancel..

Create Bulletin

Home | About GIPSA | Help | Contact Us | Logoff

QAC Home > Early Alert Circuits > Early Alert Bulletins 0.0.7

**Quality Assurance Control
Mississippi River**

Name: FGI TesterFive

Bulletin Subject:

Message:

Mold on Soybeans (FGI TesterFive, 6/3/2009 2:56 PM) [[Responses](#)] [[Delete](#)]
heads up -

Soybean Barges are arriving with mold on them. The amount varies.

- OSP QAS can create bulletins in the local circuit.
- BAR, QACS, FOSS, and GSL can create bulletins in national and local circuits.
- Enter the Bulletin Subject and Message.
- Press Post/Send Email
- Members and Subscribers to that circuit will receive the message via email.

Create Bulletin (cont)

[QAC Home](#) > [Early Alert Circuits](#) > [Early Alert Bulletins](#)

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Quality Assurance Control Mississippi River

Name: FGI TesterFive

Bulletin Subject:

Post / Send Email

Message:



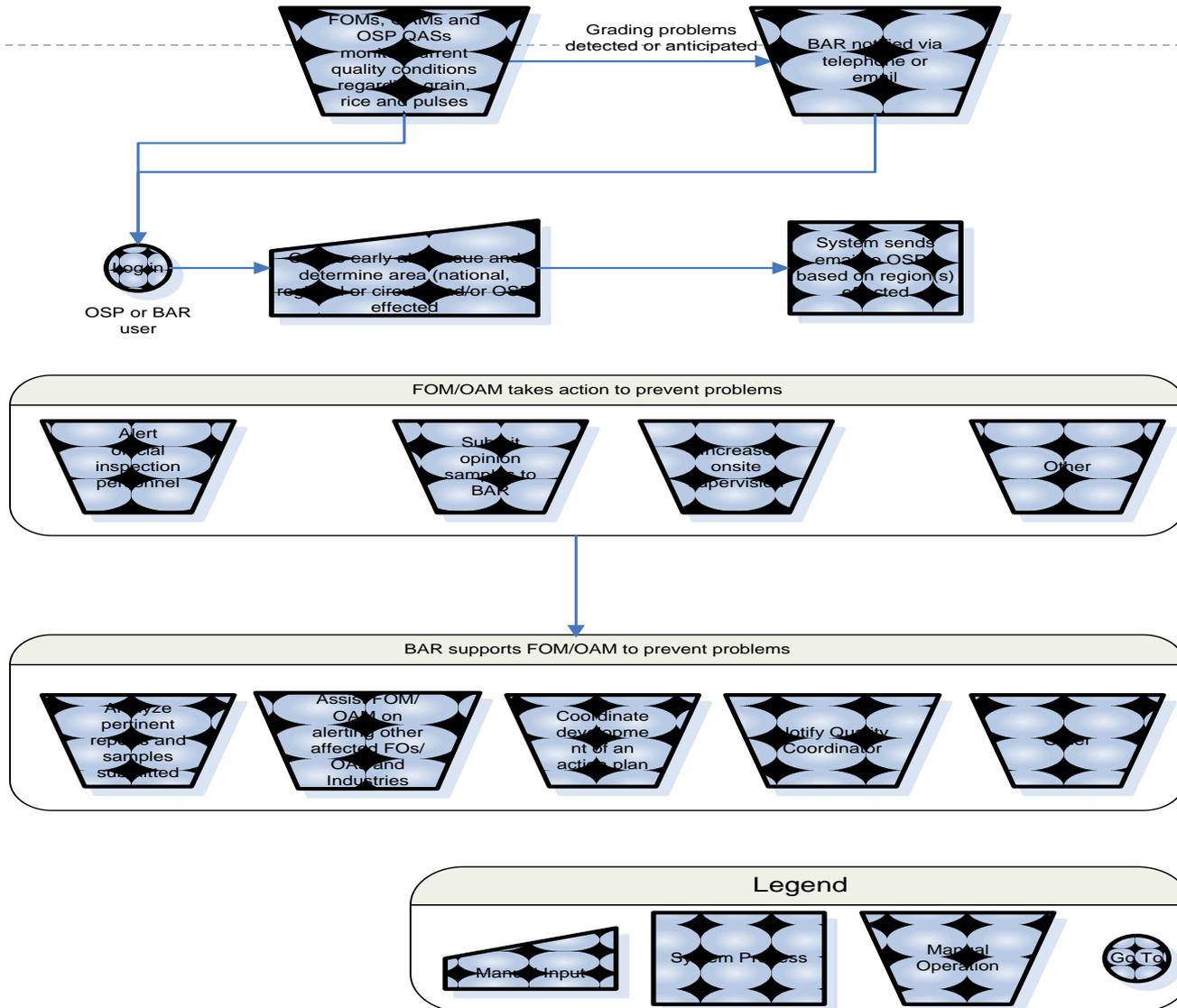
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[Return](#)

- Message when Post/Send Email is pressed.
- Press OK.
- Press Return.

Early Alert Flow Chart



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