

CHEMIGATION PERMITS

The adoption of Legislative Bill 284, the Nebraska Chemigation Act requires irrigators to obtain a permit from their local NRD if they intend to apply any fertilizers, pesticides, fungicides, or anything which is injected into the water being applied to a crop through an irrigation system. An Application for Chemigation Permit must be submitted for each point of injection. The applicator of the chemicals/fertilizers must attend a **Chemigation Certification Class through UNL Extension Service and maintain a current certification.**

Application for Chemigation Permit forms are available by calling the Lower Niobrara NRD at (402) 775-2343 or on the website at www.lnnrd.org. The appropriate application fees must accompany the application forms and be submitted to the Lower Niobrara NRD, P.O. Box 350, Butte, NE 68722.

CHEMIGATION PERMIT FEES:

NEW -- \$100.00	RENEWAL -- \$20.00	
INITIAL SPECIAL -- \$100.00	RENEWAL SPECIAL -- \$20.00	EMERGENCY -- \$200.00

NEW CHEMIGATION PERMITS: All new chemigation applications must be inspected prior to use. The LNNRD shall conduct an inspection and approve or deny the application within 45 days after receiving the application. A Certified Chemigation Applicator must be present with the NRD Inspector while inspection of the mainline check valve, vacuum relief valve, inspection port, low pressure drain, chemical line check valve and simultaneous interlock device is conducted.

CHEMIGATION RENEWAL PERMITS:

All permits must be renewed **annually**. Permits expire on June 1 of each year. The LNNRD is required to conduct random inspections of renewal permits and a Certified Chemigation Applicator must accompany the NRD Inspector during the inspection. If permits are not renewed prior to June 1st they must be considered as a new permit. The new permit fee is required along with an inspection prior to injecting any chemicals/fertilizer through the system.

EMERGENCY CHEMIGATION PERMITS:

An Emergency Permit may be filed and the LNNRD will have 2 working days (Monday – Friday) (excluding Saturday & Sunday and Federal or State Holidays) to issue or deny the permit. An Emergency Permit shall be valid for 45 days from the issuance date.

SPECIAL CHEMIGATION PERMITS:

If the chemigation system does not need all the safety equipment, the LNNRD shall forward such information to the DEQ for review. If DEQ agrees with the LNNRD's determination they shall grant the LNNRD authority to issue a Special Permit.