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2014 Chemigation Training Dates

Chemigation is the practice of applying agrichemicals to cropland using an irrigation system to distribute both the water and chemical.

Nebraska Chemigation Act - The goal of the Nebraska Chemigation Act is to protect the groundwater and surface waters of Nebraska from contamination by fertilizers or pesticides. To accomplish this goal, the Act provided the legal requirements for the future use of chemigation as a means of nutrient or pesticide application.

The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality developed and implemented the rules and regulations necessary for irrigators to utilize the practice. Under the NDEQ rules, Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts were given the responsibility to manage the chemigation permit component that ensures that proper safety equipment is present and functioning properly.

The chemigation certification program is responsible for training Nebraska producers about the Nebraska Chemigation Act and the Rules and Regulations as developed by the NDEQ. Certification applicants are required to attend a training program and pass an exam. The Act allowed the NDEQ to contract with the University of Nebraska to deliver the training program.

Chemigation Training Dates 2014

Date	Time	Place	To Register Call:
January 30	9:00 a.m.	Plainview, City Hall	402-370-4000
February 11	9:00 a.m.	Norfolk, Lifelong Learning Center	402-370-4000
March 6	9:00 a.m.	Concord, Haskell Ag Lab	402-584-2234
March 27	1:30 p.m.	O'Neill, Holt County Courthouse Annex	402-336-2760
March 27	6:30 p.m.	O'Neill, Holt County Courthouse Annex	402-336-2760
April 10	1:30 p.m.	O'Neill, Holt County Courthouse Annex	402-336-2760

Since 1987 UNL has provided in-person educational programs for approximately 4200 individuals who wished to use chemigation.

A chemigation applicator certification card will be issued to successful applicants by the NDEQ. The certification expires on January 1, 4 years after it is issued. For example, certifications issued in 2011 will expire on January 1, 2015.