

## Chemigation in Idaho

The Idaho chemigation law and rules were implemented to protect ground and surface water from chemical contamination.

Chemigators must be licensed by the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) by obtaining the CH category on a private or professional applicator license. State-approved equipment must also be installed and functioning properly when chemigating.

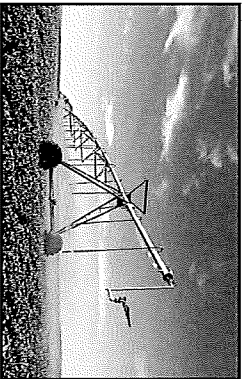
State-approved chemigation equipment lists are available on the ISDA Chemigation web site or at the local ISDA office location.

A Reduced Pressure Backflow Device (RPBD) or an air gap configuration is required on chemigation systems that are cross-connected to a domestic or municipal water supply.

Chemigation into flood, basin, furrow or basin irrigation systems require the chemical be metered into the water at the head of the field and downstream of a hydraulic discontinuity such as a weir.

Chemigators must register chemigation sites with ISDA and certify the sites are in compliance with Idaho chemigation laws and rules.

All chemigation systems are subject to inspection by ISDA inspectors.



## Licensing & Equipment

### Chemigation

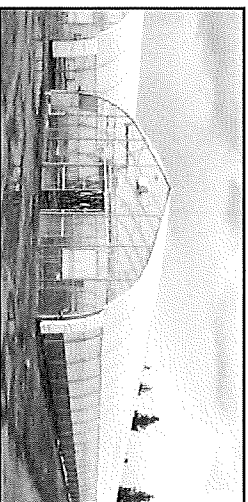
Chemigation is regulated in Idaho to protect Idaho's surface and groundwater sources.

Chemigation is the injection of chemicals (fertilizers or pesticides) into irrigation water. The Idaho State Department of Agriculture is responsible for the licensing and regulation of chemigators.

### Equipment & Licensing Requirements

Chemigation in Idaho requires a Professional or Private applicator license with a Chemigation (CH) category as well as the use of ISDA-approved chemigation equipment.

To obtain the CH category on a Professional or Private Applicator license you must pass the chemigation exam with a minimum score of 70%. Recommended study material for the chemigation exam is the *Idaho Chemigation Training Manual* and the *Idaho Pesticide Applicator Training Manual*. Both manuals are available for viewing or purchase on the ISDA website.



ISDA's lists of approved chemigation equipment for farms, greenhouses, nurseries, golf courses, and landscapes can be found on the ISDA chemigation web site or by contacting the local ISDA office or by emailing: [chemigation@isda.idaho.gov](mailto:chemigation@isda.idaho.gov)

## Inspections

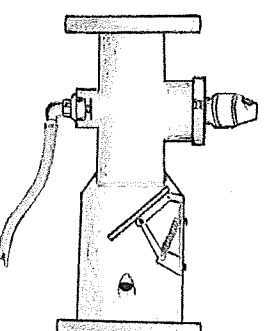
### Equipment Inspection

Idaho Code requires a minimum of 250 chemigation equipment inspections be conducted in Idaho annually. ISDA fulfills this requirement through inspection of chemigation sites located on farms, greenhouses, nurseries, golf courses, lawns and landscapes.

### Inspection Procedure

You may be contacted by an ISDA representative to make arrangements to meet with you and inspect your chemigation site(s). If you have questions about your chemigation sites, contact the local ISDA field office to set up an inspection of your chemigation site(s). An inspection form will be completed on each site based on chemigation site observations. If the site lacks required equipment this will be documented on the form and you will be required to install the equipment needed to bring the site into compliance before chemigating.

After the site has been brought into compliance, a follow-up inspection can be conducted and the site can then be approved for chemigation.



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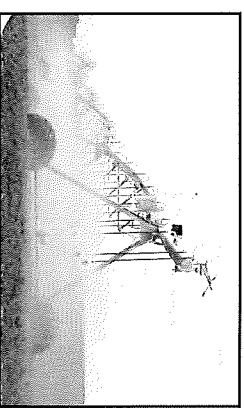
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