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ISDA REMINDS CHEMIGATORS OF LICENSING AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

(BOISE) Anyone who plans to apply fertilizers or pesticides through irrigation systems must follow licensing and equipment requirements before chemigating. "Pesticides" is a broad category that includes insecticides, herbicides, nematocides, fungicides, etc.

The Idaho State Department of Agriculture issued the reminder in conjunction with fall chemigation activities. These requirements assure that the chemigator is competent in the calibration and management of chemigation sites, and provide protection of Idaho's ground and surface water from accidental backflow of chemicals.

Chemigation licensing and equipment requirements apply to both private and professional applicators, although there are some differences in these requirements:

- The **private applicator** (a grower or his employee) must have a Chemigation (CH) category on his license and must register each chemigation site/system on his license application form. The private applicator/chemigator must also have the Restricted Use (RU) category and maintain a record of the application if applying a Restricted Use Pesticide (RUP).
- The **professional applicator** includes anyone who applies chemicals through an irrigation system upon the land or property of another for compensation. That applicator must have a professional applicator license with a CH category **plus** the Soil Fumigant (SF) category if applying soil fumigants such as metam sodium. The applicator must register each chemigation site/system on his license application form, provide proof of liability insurance, and, if applying a pesticide, maintain records of these chemigation applications.

Only state-approved chemigation devices may be used during chemigation activities. In addition, the product label will include specific chemigation instructions.

If you are not sure whether your chemical injection site is in compliance with ISDA and pesticide label requirements, or, if you need additional information, please contact your local ISDA office located in Twin Falls, Pocatello, Idaho Falls, Nampa and Coeur d'Alene. Chemigation site inspections can be arranged prior to chemigation activities to ensure safe chemical applications and chemigation law compliance.

Assistance and other information about chemigation including a listing of Approved Chemigation Equipment can be obtained at the ISDA website at:

<http://www.idahoag.us/Categories/Pesticides/Documents/Chemigation/Approved%20Chemigation%20Equip.pdf>

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