



**UPPER BIG BLUE
Natural Resources District**

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CHEMIGATION INCENTIVE COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE

The goal of this incentive program is to increase the number of producers using chemigation as a fertilizer application method. NRD funds will be used to provide cost-share assistance for this practice.

Eligibility for chemigation equipment purchase:

- Sites must be new to chemigation or not have held an active chemigation permit in the last ten (10) years.
- Once approved, application authorization is required prior to any equipment purchased for the chemigation site. Any equipment purchased before authorization is ineligible for cost-share.
- Following application authorization, applicants must provide a receipt for equipment or services purchased, a copy of their chemigation permit, and any other forms deemed necessary by the District in order to receive cost-share funding.
- The permit must be kept active for three (3) years to remain eligible. Failure to keep the permit active will result in cost-share repayment.
- Permits are renewed on an annual basis.
- The applicant must have an active applicator's license or have an eligible applicator.
- Center pivot, subsurface drip, gravity, and surface water sites are all eligible.
- Eligible equipment includes chemigation injection pump, interlock, injection valve, mainline check valve, low pressure drain, and low pressure drain discharge hose.

Cost-Share Rate:

- The cost-share rate is fifty percent (50%) of the actual cost and not to exceed \$1,000.
- The cost-share amount must equal \$100 or more for payment to be made.
- Participation will be limited to one site per applicant.

Completion of Cost-Share:

Applicants will be notified in writing of eligibility. Once eligible, the applicant must call the NRD office for an authorization number. Upon authorization, the applicant shall complete the purchase of equipment and submission of chemigation permit paperwork to the District within 30 days from the date his or her application is authorized. Failure to report proof of purchase and the permit within 30 days may result in forfeiture of cost-share funds. The District will provide the forms needed to apply. Cost-share claims will be forwarded to the Board for final payment after a successful equipment inspection.

UPPER BIG BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT Application for Chemigation Incentive Cost-Share

Cost-Share payments will only be made to one individual or entity. Completed Taxpayer Identification Form (W-9) MUST match the name of the individual or entity applying for Cost-Share. **Bolded items are required.**

PLEASE PRINT NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (LANDOWNER/TENANT):

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, ST, Zip: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____
SSN/EIN: _____

Applicant Type: Landowner Tenant

I, the undersigned, do hereby request cost-share assistance to help defray the cost for purchase of chemigation equipment. It is understood and agreed that:

1. Application for a chemigation equipment practice must be made directly to the District office at 319 East 25th Street, York, Nebraska 68467. The application must be made using a District approved form.
2. Applications are screened for compliance with Upper Big Blue NRD rules and regulations prior to being accepted as eligible for the District's program. After the application has been reviewed, the applicant will be notified that the application is eligible, needs additional information, or does not meet program criteria. Determination of eligibility by the District must be received by the applicant **prior** to the start of any work or purchase associated with the practice.
3. Once the application is determined as eligible, **the applicant must call the District to request an authorization number prior to purchasing equipment or beginning construction.** Once the application is authorized, the applicant has thirty (30) days to complete the practice and submit all documentation requesting reimbursement. Failure to complete the practice and submit documentation within the allotted time may result in cancelation of the application and forfeiture of the cost-share payment. An extension of time may be requested and will be based on availability of funds.
4. Equipment must include proper installation and function in accordance with the District's requirements and must pass an equipment inspection before final payment is dispersed.
5. Funds will be paid directly to the applicant. Change of operator/landowner during the life of the practice shall not absolve the applicant of the requirements for maintenance for the life of the practice.
6. Chemigation equipment purchased with cost-share assistance must be properly maintained by the applicant. If the chemigation equipment is removed, exchanged, or modified, equipment must be reinspected and approved.
7. If the chemigation permit is not renewed annually over a three-year period or if the applicant chooses to withdraw from the program, they must refund all cost-share received during the life of the practice. This condition is binding on heirs, assigns or transferees.
8. The cost-share rate is fifty percent (50%) **not to exceed \$1,000** per chemigation site and applicant. The minimum cost-share payment is \$100. State or Federal funds and District funds may not be combined for this practice.
9. When required, the applicant must provide power of attorney and attestation of citizenship on forms approved by the District.

Legal Description of Proposed Chemigation Injection Site:

_____ ¼ _____ ¼, Section _____ T _____ N, R _____ County _____ State Reg. # _____
East/West

(Include FSA aerial photos with this application. Mark the well(s) location(s) with an "X" and mark the injection site with an "O" if it is different from the well(s) site(s).)

Requested Cost-Share		Approved Cost-Share	
Items	Estimated Cost	Final Cost	50% Cost-Share Amount
Chemical Injection Pump			
Interlock			
Injection Valve			
Mainline Check Valve			
Low Pressure Drain			
LPD Discharge Hose			
Chemigation Permit			
Total Estimated Cost		Total Cost-Share Paid	

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

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COMMENTS:	
Application Approval: _____	NRD Representative: _____

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Application No.: _____
Date Received: _____
Cooperator No.: _____
Date Eligible: _____
Authorization No.: _____
Authorized Date: _____
Expiration Date: _____
W-9 Form Rec'd: _____
Citizenship Form Rec'd: _____
Date Paid: _____
Check No.: _____
Date Mailed: _____
File In: 2701.13-__