

2023 Kansas Statutes

2-3306. Responsibility of chemigation equipment operators; chemigation equipment operator examination; renewal; fee. (a) Any individual operating chemigation equipment under a chemigation user permit shall be responsible for the safe operation of such chemigation equipment and any such equipment shall be considered to be under the direct supervision of the chemigation user permit holder.

(b) The secretary shall not issue a chemigation user permit to any person unless such person is a certified chemigation equipment operator or has in such person's employment at least one certified chemigation equipment operator. A chemigation equipment operator is an individual who has successfully completed an examination given by the secretary or the secretary's designee. Except as provided in subsection (c), if the chemigation user permit is issued to an individual, that individual must have successfully completed the chemigation equipment operator examination. Such examination shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) The proper use of anti-pollution devices;
- (2) preparing the chemical solution and filling the chemical supply container;
- (3) calibrating of injection equipment;
- (4) supervision of chemigation equipment to assure its safe operation;
- (5) environmental and human hazards that may be involved in chemigation;
- (6) protective clothing and respiratory equipment;
- (7) general precautions to be followed in disposal of containers and decontamination of the equipment;
- (8) handling of tail water and other accumulations of water containing chemicals;
- (9) information of procedures to be followed should chemicals inadvertently enter the water supply source as a result of the chemigation process;
- (10) label information, especially chemigation instructions;
- (11) applicable state and federal laws and regulations; and
- (12) any other subject that the secretary deems necessary.

(c) The examination provided for in subsection (b) may be waived for any individual who has been certified as a pesticide applicator in the category of chemigation pursuant to the Kansas pesticide law.

(d) The chemigation equipment operator certification shall expire on December 31 of the fourth calendar year after the year of issue. A chemigation equipment operator certification shall be renewed for a succeeding five year period upon payment of the certification fee and passing the examination specified in either subsection (b) or (c).

(e) The fee for certification as a chemigation equipment operator or for renewal of such certification shall be \$25, except that on and after July 1, 2028, such certification shall be \$10.

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