

**WAC 16-202-200 General chemigation requirements.** (1) The certified applicator is responsible for safe application and for the proper operation of the chemigation equipment.

(2) Only pesticides properly labeled for chemigation may be used.

(3) An application system shall be operated in a manner that is consistent with the intent of the pesticide label, state pesticide rules, and this chapter and its provisions.

(4) Prior to use, substituted alternative technology not otherwise specified in this chapter must be evaluated by the department to determine if the provisions of this chapter have been fulfilled.

(5) During a chemigation application, an irrigation system and injection system are considered one unit, and the applicator is responsible for their proper operation.

(6) Only an appropriately licensed certified applicator or a person acting under the direct supervision of a certified applicator may calibrate, load, start up, operate, monitor, or shut down a chemigation system.

(7) All applicable pesticide laws, in addition to those contained in this chapter, pertain to chemigation.

(8) A chemigation system cannot draw water from any water supply unless that supply is protected from contamination. The applicator must verify that backflow cannot occur.

(9) Intentional or unintentional off-site application of pesticides is prohibited.

(10) The application must be continuously observed whenever sensitive areas are at risk of being exposed to drift, runoff, or overspray.

(11) Pesticides cannot be applied with an open surface, gravity irrigation system unless allowed by the product label.

(12) All chemigation systems and system components must allow for visual, physical, and/or manual inspection.

(13) A chemigation system must be flushed out after an application.

(14) All components must be chemically compatible with injected materials, water containing injected materials, and system pressure.

(15) Equipment must be calibrated and maintained in a manner to prevent misapplication or off-site application of any product.

(16) Safety devices and injection equipment must be installed, operated, and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications, established industry standards, and the rules of this chapter.

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