

18C.305 FERTILIZER FACILITIES.

Subdivision 1. **Construction permit.** A person must obtain a permit from the commissioner on forms provided by the commissioner before the person constructs or substantially alters:

(1) safeguards; or

(2) an existing facility used for the distribution, handling, or bulk storage of fertilizers, soil amendments, or plant amendments. The commissioner may not grant a permit for a site without safeguards that are adequate to prevent the escape or movement of the fertilizers from the site.

Subd. 2. **Permit fees.** (a) An application for a new facility must be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee of \$100 for each location where fertilizer is stored.

(b) An application to substantially alter a facility must be accompanied by a nonrefundable \$50 fee.

(c) An additional fee of \$250 must be paid by a person who begins construction of, or substantially alters a bulk agricultural chemical storage facility before a permit is issued by the commissioner, except that the \$250 additional fee may not be assessed if the person submits a permit application with the required fee to the commissioner before completing the construction or substantial alteration.

(d) An application for a facility that includes both fertilizers, as regulated under this chapter, and pesticides as regulated under chapter 18B shall pay only one application fee of \$100.

Subd. 3. **Exemption.** A permit and safeguard is not required for agricultural commodity producers who store, on their own property, for their own use, no more than 6,000 gallons of liquid commercial fertilizer.

History: 1989 c 326 art 6 s 19; 1990 c 597 s 6; 1993 c 367 s 16; 2007 c 45 art 1 s 28