

# ACRRA

## Agricultural Chemical Response and Reimbursement Account



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### The Agricultural Chemical Response and Reimbursement Account (ACRRA)

- Reimburses persons for costs incurred in cleaning up agricultural chemical (pesticide and fertilizer) incident.
- Funded by annual surcharges on pesticide and fertilizer manufacturers, distributors, applicators and dealers.
- Surcharge rate is determined by the Commissioner of Agriculture.

### ACRRA Board

ACRRA is administered by the Agricultural Chemical Response Compensation Board. The Board approves reimbursements or payments from the fund. An eligible person is defined as a responsible party or an owner of real property, but does not include common carriers, the state (*excepting municipal airports*), a state agency, political subdivisions of the state, the federal government or an agency of the federal government.

- Submitted a complete application for reimbursement; and
- Incurred investigation and cleanup costs that are reasonable and necessary.

The Board considers each application on a case by case basis and has the authority to reduce reimbursement or payment if it is deemed to be warranted, or if a portion of the incident was caused by a violation of Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 18B, 18C, or 18D.

### Reimbursement of Corrective Action Costs

The Board may reimburse corrective action costs up to 80 percent of costs greater than \$1,000 and less than or equal to \$350,000 for a maximum reimbursement amount of \$279,200.

The commissioner shall reimburse an eligible person if the Board determines the eligible person has:

- Reported the incident to the Minnesota Duty Officer as required (Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 18D);
- Taken all reasonable action necessary to minimize and abate an emergency incident;
- Complied with corrective action requests or orders issued by Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA), and received approval from MDA for the corrective action taken;

### Document Clean-Up

Documentation must be provided by the applicant for all submitted costs. If applicants used their own employees for the clean-up, the names of the employees, the work that was done, and the hourly wage must be provided.

If applicants provided their own equipment, the actual fuel and reasonable operator costs for running the equipment are eligible.

### How to Participate

1. Call 651-201-6138 and request an application OR download an application from the MDA website: [www.mda.state.mn.us/acrra](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/acrra)
2. Fill out the application completely, add all supporting documents, and submit them to the ACRRA Program. Incomplete submissions will be returned.

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3. The completed application and documentation must be received at least 30 days prior to a scheduled Board meeting to be reviewed and considered for reimbursement at that meeting.
4. Applications must be submitted within three years of the date in which eligible costs were incurred or approval of corrective action design for that work, whichever is later.
5. Requests for reimbursement may be considered by the Board once every 12 months if costs incurred are \$5,000 or less.

## Inquiries or Questions

For more details about ACRRA visit  
[www.mda.state.mn.us/acrra](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/acrra)

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## Examples of Ineligible Expenses

- Money spent on actions that do not minimize, eliminate or clean up an incident (such as attorney fees)
- Cost related to the repair, replacement, maintenance or upgrading of facility structures or equipment
- Loss of income or crops
- Lost opportunity costs (income that is lost due to use of own equipment on project in lieu of regular rental rates)
- Cost of relocating residents
- Decreased property value
- Eligible person's personal time spent on planning corrective action design activities
- MDA technical consulting costs
- Third-party review of proposed investigative and corrective action or work plans
- Any work, except for emergency corrective actions not in compliance with safety codes; including, but not limited to OSHA requirements, well and fire codes
- Alternative sources for drinking water
- Corrective action costs covered or payable under insurance or other contract