

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN
IRRIGATION SYSTEM - TRICKLE
CODE 441**

Landowner/Operator _____

Job Location _____ GPS _____

Prepared By _____ Date _____

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ITEMS

A properly operated and maintained micro irrigation system is an asset to the farm. This irrigation system was designed and installed to apply irrigation water to meet the water requirements of the crops. The estimated life span of this installation is approximately 10 years. The life of this system can be assured and usually increased by developing and carrying out an effective operation and maintenance program. An effective operation and maintenance program includes:

- Only operate the system when needed to furnish water for plant growth, salt management or to store moisture within the rooting depth of the plant. Monitor the crop noting areas of moisture stress and repair or adjust system operation as needed. Periodically examine each outlet (drip emitter, spray head, etc.) for proper operation. Clean plugged application devices, and replace defective parts.
- Operate the system at the design pressure, discharge rate, and irrigation duration and frequency.
- Repair all leaks in delivery facilities.
- If necessary during non-seasonal use, place appurtenances in a secure area where they will not be damaged.
- Maintain all screens, filters, valves, timers and other electrical and mechanical equipment in good operating condition following the electric code and manufacturers' recommendations. Drain and protect equipment from freezing, as necessary.
- Remove all rodents and/or burrowing animals that have or may damage any part of the delivery, or application facilities. Repair any damage caused by their activity.
- Repair any vandalism, vehicular or livestock damage.

Other _____
