

# How to File Pesticide Use Reports for Field Fumigant Applications

## The use reporting requirements apply to field fumigations with these pesticides:

- Methyl bromide
- 1,3-Dichloropropene (brand names, Telone, Inline)
- Chloropicrin
- Metam-sodium (Vapam, Sectagon)
- Potassium N-methyl-dithio-carbamate, also called metam-potassium (K-Pam)
- Dazomet, also called tetrahydro-3,5-dimethyl-2H-1,3,5-thiadiazine-2-thione (Basamid)
- Sodium tetrathio-carbonate (Enzone)

Regulations to reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from fumigant pesticides went into effect in January 2008. To help the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) keep track of these smog-producing emissions, there are special pesticide use reporting requirements in five areas of California. In these areas, pesticide use reports of field fumigations must include a four-digit code corresponding to the application method.



## What's changed for 2009

- The Notice of Intent and Pesticide Use Report forms have been modified to include reporting of the field fumigation method used. Forms are available at [www.cdpr.ca.gov](http://www.cdpr.ca.gov), click on "A-Z Index," then "Forms available online." For the field fumigation method codes, from the "A-Z Index" click "Fumigant method codes."
- In 2008, persons or companies applying field fumigants were required to send a separate copy of the pesticide use report directly to DPR. By January 1, 2009, computer systems in the counties will have been updated to transfer the fumigant application method information electronically to DPR; it will no longer be necessary for applicators to send a separate copy of the use report to DPR.

## Where fumigation method must be reported

Field fumigation application method must be reported in the following five regions that are classified as out of compliance with federal air quality standards:

- **San Joaquin Valley nonattainment area (NAA)** - all of San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, and Tulare counties, and the valley portion of Kern County.
- **Sacramento Metro NAA** - all of Sacramento and Yolo counties, and parts of El Dorado, Placer, Solano and Sutter counties.
- **South Coast NAA** - all of Orange County, and parts of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.



- **Southeast Desert NAA** - the desert portions of Riverside (Coachella Valley), Los Angeles (Lancaster/Palmdale), and San Bernardino (Barstow) counties.
- **Ventura NAA** - all of Ventura County.

If your county is partially in an NAA, you can find out if you are affected by the use reporting requirements by contacting your County Agricultural Commissioner's office. Or go to [www.cdpr.ca.gov](http://www.cdpr.ca.gov), click on "A-Z Index" and then "Nonattainment area maps."

If your treated field is not in an NAA, reporting the field fumigation method code is voluntary. Computer systems in all counties will be modified to accept this information, even if the county is not in an NAA.

### INSTRUCTIONS

*for persons or companies that apply field fumigants  
(growers, private applicators, or pest control businesses)*

1. On the revised Notice of Intent and Pesticide Use Report (PUR) forms, check "Fume" in the "Application Method" box.
2. Next to the "Fume" box include the four-digit field fumigation method code when reporting a field fumigation. The field fumigation method codes are online at: [www.cdpr.ca.gov](http://www.cdpr.ca.gov), click on "A-Z Index," then "Fumigant method codes."
3. Send your form to your County Agricultural Commissioner (CAC)
4. If sending data electronically, be sure you have the new data specifications. Both the forms and the data specifications are available from your CAC or service provider.

### INSTRUCTIONS

*for service providers submitting pesticide use data  
electronically to the counties*

1. By January 1, 2009, your software must be rewritten to allow reporting of the "Fume" check box (recorded as "F" in the data standard format) and the four-digit field fumigation method code.
2. Check with your CAC to be sure you are providing your reports in the proper format.

### Questions?

Please contact Basil Ibewiro, 916-322-2152, or e-mail at [bibewiro@cdpr.ca.gov](mailto:bibewiro@cdpr.ca.gov).

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For more information on the requirements, visit our Web site, [www.cdpr.ca.gov](http://www.cdpr.ca.gov), click on "A-Z Index," then on "VOC regulations."

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