PHASE II
SOIL FUMIGATION LABELING (2012)
BUFFER ZONES

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PHASE II SOIL FUMIGATION

- BUFFER ZONES FOR METHYL BROMIDE
  - Labeling – In CA use CA regulatory BZ distances
  - Labeling “distance” = CA Inner BZ
    - Same distance but labeling restrictions
  - CA Outer BZ
    - Use Methyl Bromide Field Soil Fumigation Buffer Zone Determination (Rev. 3/13)
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- BUFFER ZONES FOR ALL OTHER PHASE 2 SOIL FUMIGANTS
  - Compare labeling BZ with permit conditions
    - Use the larger BZ
    - Use the labeling restrictions (unless permit is more restrictive)
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RESIDENTIAL AREAS WITHIN BUFFER ZONES

- Buffer zones may include residential areas if occupants provide written agreement to vacate

- For methyl bromide products with <20% chloropicrin, air monitoring inside residences is required after buffer zone period ends

- Storage buildings in BZ must be unoccupied or share wall with an occupied structure
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• OVERLAP OF BZS
  - Time elapsed – earlier application completed until next application started. (12 hours)

• AG AREAS NOT CONTROLLED BY OWNER/OPERATOR
  - Need written agreement that provides that all persons will be kept out of BZ

• ROADS/RIGHTS OF WAY
  - Entry prohibited except for vehicle & bicycle transit

• PUBLIC AREAS
  - Written permission from responsible agency
  - Entry prohibited
TRANSIT THROUGH BUFFER ZONES

- **Allowed:**
  - Vehicular and bicycle traffic on public and private roadways

- **Prohibited:**
  - Pedestrians
  - Bus stops or places where people wait for public transit
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BUFFER ZONE DURATION

- MBr regulations – 36 hours
- Metam permit conditions – 24 hours
- Labeling – 48 hours
CALIFORNIA BZ CREDITS

- Chloropicrin & 1,3-D with chloropicrin only
  - Tarp – 20-60% (Under specific conditions, ENF-12-21 amended)
  - Water treatment – 15% (only when approved by label)
  - Potassium thiosulfate treatment – 15% (NOT ALLOWED)
  - Tarp Symmetry system – 10% (NOT ALLOWED)
  - Soil organic content – 10-30% (NOT ALLOWED)
  - Soil clay content – 10% (NOT ALLOWED)
  - Soil temperature – 10% (NOT ALLOWED)
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**CA BUFFER ZONE CREDITS**

Conditions apply – see ENF 12-21 (Amended)

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- **Methyl Bromide**
  - **No** buffer zone reduction credits are allowed

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Max reduction 80 80 80 40
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DIFFICULT TO EVACUATE SITES

- BZ more than 300 feet – **1/4 mile**
- BZ 300 feet or less **1/8 mile**
- Metam Permit
  - No schools in session within **1/2 mile**
  - Some exceptions for applications of 5 acres or less for some methods
- MBR Regulation
  - No schools in session within 300 feet of Outer BZ
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EPA WEB BASED BUFFER ZONE CALCULATOR

- Tool to determine buffer zone distances
- Internet accessible
- Ability to save, retrieve, edit, and print
- Optional; no information collected by EPA
- May integrate into EPA’s web-based program for FMPs
The End

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