PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS

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NOTE: CHLOROPRIN MAY BE IRRITATING TO THE UPPER RESPIRATORY TRACT, AND EVEN AT LOW LEVELS CAN CAUSE PAINFUL IRRITATION TO THE EYES, PRODUCING TEARING. IF THESE SYMPTOMS OCCUR, LEAVE THE FUMIGATION AREA IMMEDIATELY.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Some materials that are chemical-resistant to this product are listed below. For more options, follow the instructions for Category H on the chemical-resistance category selection chart. PPE constructed of Saranex, neoprene, and chlorinated polyethylene provide short-term contact or splash protection against liquid in this product. Longer-term protection is provided by PPE constructed of Viton, Teflon, and EVA, baric laminates (for example, resporter suits manufactured by Life-Guard or Silvershield gloves manufactured by North). Where chemical-resistant materials are required, gloves, aprons, or cotton materials offer no protection. Gloves from this product and must not be worn as the sole article of protection when contact with this product is possible.

When performing tasks with NO potential for contact with liquid fumigant, all handlers (including applicators) must:

• Wear long-sleeved shirt, long pants, shoes and socks.
• Not wear jewelry, goggles, tight clothing, chemical-resistant gloves, rubber protective clothing, or rubber boots when handling. Methyl bromide can be trapped inside clothing and cause skin injury.

When performing tasks with potential for contact with liquid fumigant (e.g. shovelers) may wear:

• Wear long-sleeved shirt and long pants, chemical-resistant apron, chemical-resistant glove, protective eyewear (Do NOT wear goggles), and chemical-resistant footwear with socks.

In addition, when an air-purifying respirator is required under this label’s Directions for Use, Protection for Handlers, Respiratory Protection and Stop Work Triggers section, handlers (including applicators) must wear an air-purifying respirator equipped with 3M Model 60928 Organic Vapor/Acid Gas/P100 cartridges.

IMPORTANT: A self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) is not permitted for routine handler tasks. If responding to an emergency when corrective action is needed to reduce air concentrations to acceptable levels, wear a SCBA. Escape-only SCBA respirators must not be used by handlers for responding to emergencies. In addition wear PPE required for potential contact with liquid fumigant.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER: Chemtrec, 1-800-424-9300

See label booklet for additional Precautionary Statements.

NOTE: Contains methyl bromide, a substance which harms public health and the environment by destroying ozone in the upper atmosphere.

RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDE

DUE TO ACUTE TOXICITY

For retail sale to and use by certified applicators or persons under their direct supervision and only for those uses covered by the certified applicator’s certification.

MBC-33
Pre-Plant Soil Fumigant

ACTIVE INGREDIENTS:

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OTHER INGREDIENTS*: 0.2%

TOTAL: 100.0%

This product weighs 13.95 lbs./gal. at 68°F (20°C)

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN

NOTE: CHLOROPRIN IS A PRE-PLANT FUMIGANT. USE THIS PRODUCT ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS LABELING AND WITH THE WORKER PROTECTION STANDARD, 40 CFR 170. REFER TO LABEL BOOKLET UNDER “AGRICULTURAL USE REQUIREMENTS” IN THE DIRECTIONS FOR USE SECTION FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS STANDARD.

RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDE

It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling. Do not apply this product in a way that will contact workers or other persons, either directly or through drift. Handlers may be in the area of exposure from the start of the application until the entry restricted period ends, and in the buffer zone during the buffer zone period. For any requirements specific to your State or Tribe, consult the agency responsible for pesticide regulation.

Agricultural Use Requirements

Use this product only in accordance with its labeling and with the Worker Protection Standard, 40 CFR 170. Refer to label booklet under “Agricultural Use Requirements” in the Directions for Use section for information about this standard.

Storage and Disposal

DO NOT CONTAMINATE WATER, FOOD, OR FEED.

Pesticide Storage: Store in a cool, well-ventilated area under lock and key. Post as a pesticide storage area.

Pesticide Disposal: Pesticide wastes are toxic. Improper disposal of excess pesticides, spray mixtures, or rinsate is a violation of Federal Law. If these wastes cannot be disposed of by use according to label instructions, contact your State Pesticide or Environmental Control Agency, or the Hazardous Waste representative at the nearest EPA Regional Office for guidance. When a cylinder is partially full, and there is no further requirement for the product, return the cylinder to the registrant or distributor. Replace safety cap and valve protection bonnet before shipping container.

Cylinder Transportation: Store cylinders upright, secured to a rack or wall to prevent tipping. Do not subject cylinders to rough handling or mechanical shock such as dropping, bumping, dragging, or sliding. Do not use rope slings, hooks, tongs or similar devices to lift cylinders. Transport cylinders using hand truck, fork truck or other device to which the cylinder can be firmly secured. Do not remove valve protection bonnet and safety cap until immediately before use. Replace safety cap and valve protection bonnet when cylinder is not in use.

Return of Containers: Cylinders are the property of the registrant or distributor and must be returned promptly after use. Do not ship cylinders without safety caps or valve protection bonnet when cylinder is not in use.

Refillable Container: Only the registrant or distributor is allowed to refill this container. This container can be refilled with pesticide only. Do not reuse this container for any other purpose. Cleaning the container before final disposal is the responsibility of the person possessing the container. Cleaning before refilling is the responsibility of the refiller.

Container Disposal: To clean the container before final disposal, remove any remaining liquid from the container, using dry air pressure if necessary. Allow container to aerate for at least 5 days. After aeration, wash container using hot water; then offer container to qualified reconditioner or dispose of as directed by State or local regulations.

See label booklet for complete Directions for Use.

Note: Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor, or going for treatment.

NOTE TO PHYSICIAN

Early symptoms of overexposure to methyl bromide are dizziness, headache, nausea and vomiting, weakness, and collapse. Lung edema may develop in 2 to 48 hours after exposure, accompanied by cardiac irregularities; these effects are the usual cause of death. Repeated overexposures can result in blurred vision, staggering gait, and mental imbalance, with probabilerecovery after a period of no exposure. Blood bromide levels suggest the occurrence, but not the degree, of exposure. Treatment is symptomatic.

DANGER

POISON

First Aid

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In all cases of overexposure, get medical attention immediately.

In cases of no exposure. Blood bromide levels suggest the occurrence, but not the degree, of exposure. Treatment is symptomatic.

Inhaled:

• Move person to fresh air.
• If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably by mouth-to-mouth, if possible.
• Call a poison control center or doctor for further treatment advice.

Swallowed:

• Call a poison control center or doctor immediately for treatment advice.
• Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow.
• Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by a poison control center or doctor.
• Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

On skin or clothing:

• Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.
• Hold eyes open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes.
• Remove contaminated clothing and shoes (if possible) and wash skin with soap and water.
• Call a poison control center or doctor for further treatment advice.

In eyes:

• Take off contaminated clothing.
• Rinse skin exposure with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes.
• Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.
• Hold eyes open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes.
• Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eyes.
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Seller warrants that this product conforms to the chemical description on its label and is reasonably fit for the purposes stated on the label when used in accordance with directions under normal conditions of use. To the extent consistent with applicable law, neither this warranty nor any other warranty of MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, express or implied, extends to the use of this product in a manner contrary to its label.

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Handlers with no potential for contact with liquid fumigant (e.g. shovellers) may wear cotton, leather, or other porous, non-chemical-resistant gloves. If such gloves are exposed to liquid fumigant, they must immediately be removed and discarded. 

When performing tasks with potential for contact with liquid fumigant, all handlers (including applicators) must wear:

• Long-sleeved shirt and long pants, 
• Chemical-resistant gloves, 
• Chemical-resistant apron, 
• Protective eyewear (Do NOT wear goggles), and 
• Chemical-resistant footware with socks. 

In addition, when an air-purifying respirator is required under this label’s Directions for Use, Protection for Handlers, Respiratory Protection and Stop Work Triggers section, handlers (including applicators) must wear:

• A NIOSH-certified full-facepiece air-purifying respirator with cartridges certified by the manufacturer for protection from exposure to methyl bromide at concentrations up to 5 ppm (e.g., a 3M air-purifying respirator equipped with 3M Model 60928 Organic Vapor/ Acid Gas/P100 cartridges).

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DIRECTIONS FOR USE 

Restricted Use Pesticide 

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USER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS 

• Follow manufacturer’s instructions for cleaning/maintaining PPE. If no such instructions for washables exist, use detergent and hot water. Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry. 
• Discard clothing and other absorbent materials that have been drenched or heavily contaminated with this product’s concentrate. Do not reuse them. 

USER SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS 

Users should:

• Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco, or using the toilet. 
• Remove clothing/PPE immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing. 
• Remove PPE immediately after handling this product. Wash the outside of gloves before removing. As soon as possible, wash thoroughly and change into clean clothing. 

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS 

This pesticide is toxic to mammals and birds. Do not apply directly to water, or to areas where surface water is present or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwaters or rinsate. 

Methyl bromide and chloropicrin have certain properties and characteristics in common with chemicals that have been detected in groundwater (methyl bromide and chloropicrin are highly soluble in water and have low aqueous solubility). 

For untarped applications of methyl bromide and chloropicrin, leaching and runoff may occur if there is heavy rainfall after soil fumigation.

PHYSICAL OR CHEMICAL HAZARDS 

Do not use containers or application equipment made of magnesium, aluminum, or their alloys, as under certain conditions this fumigant may be severely corrosive to such metals. [See the Calibration, Set-up, Repair and Maintenance for Application Rigs section of this labeling for further requirements for application equipment.] Do not permit water to enter or contaminate the fumigant pressure system, as corrosion will result. Diesel oil is satisfactory for this purpose.

Agricultural Use Requirements 

Use this product only in accordance with its labeling and with the Worker Protection Standard, 40 CFR Part 170. This Standard contains requirements for the protection of agricultural workers on farms, forests, nurseries, and greenhouses, and handlers of agricultural pesticides. It contains requirements for training, decontamination, notification, and emergency assistance. The requirements in this box only apply to uses of this product that are covered by the Worker Protection Standard (WPS). No instructions elsewhere on this labeling relieve users from complying with the requirements of the WPS.

For the entry restricted period and notification requirements, see the Entry Restricted Period and Notification sections of this labeling. PPE For Entry During the Entry Restricted Period: PPE that is permitted by this labeling is listed in the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) section of this labeling.

Terms Used in This Labeling 

Soil Fumigant Training Program: Certified applicator training that provides information on (1) how to correctly apply the fumigant, including how to comply with new label requirements; (2) how to protect handlers and bystanders; (3) how to determine pesticide application distances; (4) how to complete an FMP and the post-application summary; (5) how to determine when weather and other site-specific factors are not favorable for fumigant application; (6) how to comply with GAPs and how to document compliance with GAPs in the FMP; and (7) how to develop and implement emergency response plans.

Fumigant Safe Handling Information: Information that must be provided annually to handlers must include the following: (1) what fumigants are and how they work, (2) safe application and handling of soil fumigants, (3) air monitoring and respiratory protection requirements for handlers, (4) early signs and symptoms of exposure, (5) appropriate steps to take to mitigate exposures, (6) what to do in case of an emergency, and (7) how to report incidents.

Dusted ben Block: Area within the perimeter of the fumigated portion of a field (including furrows, irrigation ditches, roadways). The perimeter of the application block is the border that connects the outermost edges of total area treated with the fumigant product.

Application Rate: The ratio of fumigant mass applied compared to the soil surface area (e.g., pounds of product per acre). The application rate is expressed on this labeling in terms of either the “treated area application rate” or the “broadcast equivalent application rate.” The “treated area application rate” is the rate of fumigant applied to the portion of the field that is fumigated (e.g., rate within the bed or strips). The “broadcast equivalent application rate” relates to the rate of fumigant applied within the entire perimeter of the application block. For bedded and strip applications, the “broadcast equivalent application rate” must be recalculated to determine the buffer zone distance required by this labeling.

Start of the Application: The time at which the fumigant is first delivered/dispensed into the soil in the application block.

Application is Complete: The time at which the fumigant has stopped being delivered/dispensed into the soil and the soil has been sealed; driplines have been purged (if applicable).

Entry Restricted Period: This period begins at the start of the application and expires depending on the application method and expires immediately if there is heavy rainfall after soil fumigation.

Hazard Communication: A first-person account of the author's experiences and observations.
Application Restrictions

The use of this product is restricted to the methods described in this label.

This product may only be used for the following:
- Crops/uses that at the time of the application qualify for exemptions under the Montreal Protocol as identified in Table 1 of this labeling, or
- Crops/uses listed in Table 2 of Maximum Application Rates for Quarantine Uses of this labeling, or
- Crops/uses listed in Table 3 of Maximum Application Rates for Crops without Critical Use Exemptions of this labeling, or
- Tarps must be used for all applications, except for deep shank orchard replant [California only] applications.

Certified Applicator Training

Any certified applicator supervising a soil fumigant application must have successfully completed one of the soil fumigant training programs listed on the following EPA website: www.epa.gov/fumiganttraining.

The training must be completed in the time frames listed on the website. The FMP must document the date and location where the soil fumigant training program was completed.

Product Information

Soil-borne pests controlled include wireworms and nematodes, weed and grass seeds. Granville Wilt, Black Shank, and other diseases caused by certain species of Rhizoctonia, Pythium, Fusarium, and Phytophthora.

Use Precautions

- Comply with all local regulations and ordinances. Obtain an application permit from Agricultural Regulatory Agencies as required.
- Users should handle this fumigant in the open, with the operator ‘upwind’ from the container where there is good ventilation.
- When fumigating soil from a tractor, 5 gallons of water must be carried on the tractor and placed where it is readily accessible. In addition to water available on the tractor, at least 5 gallons additional water must be available from the service truck. This water must be potable and in containers marked “Decontamination water not to be used for drinking”.
- Keep pets, livestock, and other domestic animals out of the treated area during application and during tarp perforation and/or removal, if a tarp is used.
- Fumigation may temporarily raise the level of ammonia nitrogen and soluble salts in the soil. This is most likely to occur when heavy rates of fertilizer and fumigant are applied to soils that are either cold, wet, acid, or high in organic matter. To avoid injury to plant roots, fertilize as indicated by soil tests made after fumigation. To avoid ammonia injury and/or nitrate starvation to crops, avoid using fertilizers containing ammonia salts and use only fertilizers containing nitrates until after the crop is well established and the soil temperature is about 65° F. Limiting high acidity soils before fumigation stimulates nitrification and reduces the possibility of ammonia toxicity.

Application Block and Buffer Zone:

- Begins at the start of the application and lasts for a minimum of 48-hours after the application is complete. Non-handlers must be excluded from the buffer zone during the buffer zone period.
- Difficult to Evacuate Sites: Pre-K to Grade 12 schools, state licensed daycare centers, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, hospitals, in-patient clinics, and prisons.
- Owner: Any person who has a present possessory interest (fee, leasehold, rental, or other) in an agricultural establishment. A person who has both leased and owned such an establishment to another person and granted that same person the right and full authority to manage and govern the use of such agricultural establishment is not an owner. See definition of “owner” in WPS (40 CFR §170.3).
- Roadway: Portion of a street or highway improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, exclusive of the sidewalk or shoulder even if such sidewalk or shoulder is used by persons riding bicycles. In the event a highway includes two or more separated roadways, the term roadway shall refer to any such roadway separately.
- Representative Handling Task: For air monitoring, the locations and handler activities sampled must represent each handler’s exposure occurring within the application block. For example, for an application consisting of a seven-handler crew (1 tractor driver, 1 tractor co-pilot, 4 shoveler, and 1 certified applicator supervising) two breathing zone samples could be collected: one sample for the tractor co-pilot and one sample for a downwind shoveler. Results of previous sampling may indicate which tasks and locations are worst case and therefore representative of all handlers.

Certification of Applicator Supervision

Applicants for certification for applicator training shall provide proof of having successfully completed one of the soil fumigant training programs listed on the following EPA website: www.epa.gov/fumiganttraining.

The training must be completed in the time frames listed on the website. The FMP must document the date and location where the soil fumigant training program was completed.

Handlers

The following activities are prohibited from being performed by anyone other than persons who have been appropriately trained and equipped as handlers in accordance with the requirements in WPS (40 CFR Part 170):
- Monitoring fumigant air concentrations;
- Cleaning up fumigant spills (this does not include emergency personnel not associated with the application);
- Handling or disposing of fumigant containers;
- Cleaning, handling, adjusting, or repairing the parts of application equipment that may contain fumigant residues; and
- Performing any handling tasks as defined by the WPS (40 CFR 170).

The following activities are prohibited from being performed in the application block from the start of the application until the entry restricted period ends and in the buffer zone during the buffer zone period by anyone other than persons who have been appropriately trained and equipped as handlers in accordance with the requirements in WPS (40 CFR Part 170). (NOTE: persons removing and monitoring tarp are considered handlers for the duration listed below). Prohibited activities (except for trained and equipped handlers) include:
- Participating in the application as supervisors, loaders, drivers, tractor co-pilots, shoveler, cross ditchers, or as other direct application participants;
- Installing, repairing, operating, or removing irrigation equipment;
- Performing scouting, crop advising, or monitoring tasks;
- Installing, perforating (cutting, punching, slicing, poking), or removing tarp(s); and
- Repairing or monitoring tarp(s) until 14 days after application is complete if tarp(s) are not perforated and removed during those 14 days.

NOTE: see Tarp Perforation and/or Removal section on this labeling for requirements about when tarp(s) are allowed to be perforated.

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Local, state, or federal officials performing inspection, sampling, or other similar official duties are not excluded from the application block during the entry restricted period, and
- excluded from the buffer zone during the buffer zone period (see buffer zone exemption for transit on roadways in Buffer Zone Requirements section).

Provisioning, Cleaning, and Maintaining PPE:

The employer of any handler (as stated in this labeling) must make sure that all handlers are provided and correctly wear the required PPE. The PPE must be clean and maintained as required by the Worker Protection Standard for Agricultural Pesticides.

The certified applicator must provide Fumigant Safe Handling Information to each handler or confirm that within the past 12 months, each handler has received Fumigant Safe Handling Information in a manner that he/she can understand. Fumigant Safe Handling Information will be provided where this product is purchased or at www.epa.gov/fumiganttraining.

For all handling tasks at least two handlers must be present.

Exception: After the application is complete, only one trained handler is required to perform fumigant site monitoring tasks outside of the buffer zone.

Exclusion of Non-Handlers from the Application Block and Buffer Zone:

The certified applicator supervising the application and the owner of the establishment where the application is taking place must make sure that all persons who are not trained and PPE-equipped and who are not performing one of the handling tasks as stated in this labeling are:
- excluded from the application block during the entry restricted period, and
- excluded from the buffer zone during the buffer zone period (see buffer zone exemption for transit on roadways in Buffer Zone Requirements section).
Air Purifying Respirator Availability:
The employer of any handler must confirm that an air-purifying respirator and appropriate cartridges of the type specified in the PPE section of this labeling are immediately available for each handler who will wear one. At a minimum two handlers must have the appropriate air-purifying respirator and cartridges available (see Respirator Fit Testing, Medical Qualification, and Training section for additional requirements).

Exception: Air-purifying respirators do not need to be made available for handlers performing fumigant site monitoring tasks outside of the buffer zone.

Respirator Fit Testing, Medical Qualification, and Training:
Using a program that conforms to OSHA’s requirements (see 29 CFR Part 1910.134), employers must verify that any handler who uses a respirator is:
- Fit-tested and fit-checked,
- Trained, and
- Examined by a qualified medical practitioner to ensure physical ability to safely wear the style of respirator to be worn. A qualified medical practitioner is a physician or other licensed health care professional who will evaluate the ability of a worker to wear a respirator. The initial evaluation consists of a questionnaire that asks about medical history (such as a heart condition) that would be problematic for respirator use. If concerns are identified, then additional evaluations, such as a physical exam, might be necessary. The initial evaluation must be done before respirator use begins, handlers must be reexamined by a qualified medical practitioner if their health status or respirator style or use/conditions change.
- Upon request by local/state/federal/tribal enforcement personnel, employers must provide documentation demonstrating how they have complied with these requirements.

Respiratory Protection and Stop Work Triggers:
The following procedures must be followed to determine whether a full-facepiece air-purifying respirator is required or if operations must cease for any person performing a handling task (except for fumigant site monitoring outside of the buffer zone) as stated in this label.
- If at any time any handler experiences sensory irritation (tearing, burning of the eyes or nose), then either:
  - A full-facepiece air-purifying respirator must be worn by all handlers who remain in the application block or surrounding buffer zone, or
  - Operations must cease and handlers not wearing an air-purifying respirator must leave the application block and surrounding buffer zone.
- Handlers can remove full-facepiece air-purifying respirators or resume operations if two consecutive breathing zone samples taken at the handling site at least 15 minutes apart show levels of methyl bromide have decreased to less than 1 ppm and levels of chloropicrin have decreased to less than 0.15 ppm, provided that handlers do not experience sensory irritation. During the collection of air samples, a full-facepiece air-purifying respirator must be worn by the handler taking the air samples. Samples must be taken at the location where the irritation was first experienced.
- When using monitoring devices to monitor air concentration levels, a direct read detection device, such as an electronic device or a colorimetric device (e.g., Matheson-Kitagawa, Draeger, or Sensidyne) must be used. The devices must have sensitivity of at least 1 ppm for methyl bromide and 0.15 ppm for chloropicrin. Persons using direct read detection devices must follow the manufacturer’s directions.
- When breathing zone samples are required, they must be taken outside respiratory protection equipment and within a 10 inch radius of the handler’s nose and mouth.
- When full-facepiece air-purifying respirators are worn, air monitoring samples must be collected at least every 2 hours in the breathing zone of a handler performing a representative handling task.
- If at any time: (1) a handler experiences sensory irritation when wearing a full-facepiece air-purifying respirator, or (2) a methyl bromide air sample is greater than 5 ppm or a chloropicrin air sample is greater than or equal to 1.5 ppm, then all handler activities must cease and handlers must be removed from the application block and surrounding buffer zone.
- Handlers can resume work activities without full-facepiece air-purifying respirators if two consecutive air-breathing zone samples taken at the handling site at least 15 minutes apart show levels of methyl bromide have decreased to less than 1 ppm and levels of chloropicrin have decreased to less than 0.15 ppm, provided that handlers do not experience sensory irritation.
- If tarps are perforated within 14 days after the application is complete, unless a weather condition exists which necessitates early tarp perforation or removal (see Early Tarp Removal for Flood Prevention Activities for Bedded Applications Only requirements).
- Tarp perforation and/or removal

Tarp Perforation and/or Removal
IMPORTANT: Persons perforating, repairing, removing, and/or monitoring tarps are defined, within certain time limitations, as handlers (see Handlers section), and they must be provided the PPE and other protections for handlers as required on this labeling and in the Worker Protection Standard for Agricultural Pesticides.
- Tarp must not be perforated until a minimum of 5 days (120 hours) have elapsed after the application is complete, unless a weather condition exists which necessitates early tarp perforation or removal (see Early Tarp Removal for Flood Prevention Activities for Bedded Applications Only requirements).
- If tarps are perforated within 14 days after the application is complete, tarp removal must not begin until at least 2 hours after tarp perforation is complete and 2 consecutive methyl bromide air monitoring samples taken at least 15 minutes apart are less than 5 ppm. Air samples must be taken in the breathing zone of the handler. If the 2 consecutive air monitoring samples indicate that methyl bromide levels are:
  - Less than 1 ppm and no sensory irritation is experienced, no respiratory protection is required to begin tarp removal.
  - Between 1 ppm and 5 ppm, then an air-purifying respirator is required to begin tarp removal.
- See the Respiratory Protection and Stop Work Triggers and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) sections for additional requirements.
- If tarps are not perforated or removed within 14 days after the application is complete, planting or transplanting may take place while the tarps are being perforated.
- Each tarp panel used for broadcast application must be perforated.
- Tarps may be perforated manually ONLY for the following situations:
  - At the beginning of each row when a coulter blade (or other device which performs similarly) is used on a motorized vehicle such as a farm tractor, or
  - In fields that are 1 acre or less.
  - During flood prevention activities.
  - In all other instances tarps must be perforated (cut, punched, and/or sliced) only by mechanical methods.
- Tarp perforation for broadcast applications must be completed before noon.
- For broadcast applications, tarps must not be perforated if rainfall is expected within 12 hours.
- Early Tarp Removal for Broadcast Applications Only:
  - Tarp may be removed before the required 5 days (120 hours) if adverse weather conditions have compromised the integrity of the tarp, provided that the compromised tarp poses a safety hazard. Adverse weather includes high wind, hail, or storms that blow tarps off the field and create a hazard, e.g., tarps blowing into power lines and onto roads. A compromised tarp is a tarp that due to an adverse weather condition is no longer performing its intended function and is creating a hazard.

Early Tarp Removal during Flood Prevention Activities for Bedded Applications Only:
- Tarp perforation is allowed before the 5 days (120 hours) have elapsed.
- Tarp must be immediately retucked and packed after soil removal.
- When perforating any tarp that qualifies for a 60% or greater reduction in buffer zone distance following broadcast shank applications:
  - All handlers must wear an air purifying respirator when perforating the tarp; and
  - Tarp removal must not begin until at least 2 hours after tarp perforation is complete and 2 consecutive air monitoring samples taken at least 15 minutes apart are less than 5 ppm. Air samples must be taken in the breathing zone of the handler. If the 2 consecutive air monitoring samples indicate that methyl bromide levels are:
    - Less than 1 ppm and no sensory irritation is experienced, no respiratory protection is required to begin tarp removal.
    - Between 1 ppm and 5 ppm, then an air-purifying respirator is required to begin tarp removal.
- See the Respiratory Protection and Stop Work Triggers and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) sections for additional requirements.
For no less than the duration of the entry restricted period. Fumigant Treated Area signs must remain posted to the application block no sooner than 24 hours prior to application. A written tarp plan must be developed and included in the FMP. Once a tarp is perforated, the application is no longer considered tarped. Weather Conditions

To determine if unfavorable weather conditions exist or are predicted (see Identifying Unfavorable Weather Conditions section) and whether an application should proceed, the National Weather Service weather forecast must be checked by the certified applicator supervising the application:

- on the day of, but prior to the start of the application, and
- on a daily basis during the application if the time period from the start of the application until the application is complete is greater than 24 hours.

Do not apply if an air stagnation advisory issued by the National Weather Service is in effect for the area in which the application is planned, during the application, or the 48 hours after the application is complete.

Do not apply if light wind conditions (< 2 mph) are forecast to persist for more than 18 consecutive hours from the time the application starts until 48 hours after the application is complete.

Detailed National Weather Service forecasts for local weather conditions, wind speed, and air stagnation advisories may be obtained on-line at: http://www.nws.noaa.gov or by contacting your local National Weather Service Forecasting Office.

Soil Temperature

The maximum soil temperature at the depth of injection must not exceed 90° F at the beginning of the application.

If air temperatures have been above 100° F in any of the three days prior to the start of the application, then soil temperature must be measured and recorded in the FMP. Record temperature measurements at the application depth or 12 inches, whichever is shallower.

Soil Moisture

The soil must be moist 9 inches below the surface. The amount of moisture needed in this depth is based on the soil type. Surface soil generally dries rapidly and must not be considered in this determination.

Soil moisture must be determined using one of the following methods:

- the USDA Feel and Appearance Method for estimating soil moisture
- an instrument, such as a tensiometer.

Available water capacity must be equal to or greater than 50% for shank applications. If there is less than 50% available water capacity 9 inches below the surface, the soil moisture must be adjusted. If irrigation is not available and there is adequate soil moisture below 9 inches, soil moisture can be adjusted by disking or plowing before the start of the application. To conserve existing soil moisture, pretreatment irrigation or pretreatment tillage should be done as soon as possible to the start of the application as possible.

Measure soil moisture at a depth of 9 inches at either end of the field, no more than 48 hours prior to the start of the application.

The USDA Feel and Appearance Method for estimating soil moisture as appropriate for the soil texture:

For coarse textured soils (fine sand and loamy fine sand), the soil is moist enough (50 to 75% available water capacity) to form a weak ball with loose and clustered sand grains on fingers, darkened color, moderate water staining on fingers, will not ribbon.

For moderately coarse textured soils (sandy loam and fine sandy loam), the soil is moist enough (50 to 75% available water capacity) to form a ball with defined finger marks, very light soil/water staining on fingers, darkened color will not stick.

For fine textured soils (clay, clay loam, and silt loam), the soil is moist enough (50 to 75% available water capacity) to form a smooth ball with defined finger marks, light soil/water staining on fingers, ribs between thumb and forefinger.

For fields with more than one soil texture, soil moisture content in the lightest textured (most sandy) areas must comply with this soil moisture requirement. Whenever possible, the field should be divided into areas of similar soil texture, and the soil moisture of each area should be adjusted as needed. Coarser textured soils can be fumigated under conditions of higher soil moisture than finer textured soils; however, if the soil moisture is too high, fumigant movement will be retarded and effectiveness of the treatment will be reduced. Previous experience (see below) or local procedures with the soil to be treated or the crop to be planted can often serve as a guide to conditions that will be acceptable. If there is uncertainty in determining the soil moisture content of the area to be treated, a local extension service agent, soil conservationist, or pest control advisor (agriculture consultant) should be consulted for assistance.

Soil Preparation

- Soil must be properly prepared and at the surface generally be free of large clods. The area to be fumigated must be tilled to a depth of 5 to 8 inches.
- Field trash must be properly managed. Residue from a previous crop must be worked into the soil to allow for decomposition prior to the start of the application. Little or no crop residue shall be present on the soil surface. Crop residue that is present must not interfere with the soil seal. Removing the crop residue prior to the start of the application is important to limit the natural “chimneys” that occur in the soil when crop residue is present. These “chimneys” allow the soil fumigants to move through the soil quickly and escape into the atmosphere. This may create potentially harmful conditions for workers and bystanders and limit the efficacy of the fumigant. However, crop residue on the field serves to prevent soil erosion from both wind and water and is an important consideration. To accommodate erosion control, fumigant efficacy, and human health protection, clear fields of crop residue as close to the start of the application as possible to limit the length of time that the soil would be exposed to potentially erosive weather conditions.

Soil Sealing

For Broadcast Untarped Applications (CA orchard replant only): Use a disc or similar equipment to uniformly mix the soil to at least a depth of 3 to 4 inches to eliminate the chisel or plow traces. Field fumigant application must be made on a day when the soil surface must be compacted with a cultipacker, ring roller, and roller in combination with tillage equipment.

For Bedded Applications: Preformed beds must be sealed by disruption of the chisel trace using press sealers, bed shapers, cultipackers, or by re-shaping (e.g., relisting, lifting, replacing) the beds immediately following injection. Beds formed at the time of application must be sealed by disrupting the chisel trace using press sealers, or bed shapers.
For Tarped-Broadcast and Tarped-Bedded Applications: The use of a tarp does not eliminate the need to minimize chisel traces prior to application of the tarp, such as by using a Noble plow or other injection shank that disrupts the chisel traces.

Bedded and Broadcast Shank Applications: Additional Mandatory GAPs

In addition to the GAPs required for all soil fumigation applications, the following GAPs apply for injection applications:

Soil Preparation
- Trash pulled by the shanks to the ends of the field must be covered with tarp, or soil, depending on the application method before making the turn for the next pass.

Application Depth and Spacing
- For Tarped-Broadcast and Tarped-Bedded Applications: The injection point must be a minimum of 8 inches from the nearest final soil/air interface. For tarped bedded applications, the injection depth must not be deeper than the lowest point of the tarp (i.e., the lowest point of the tuck).
- For Untarped-Broadcast Applications (CA orchard replant only): The injection point must be a minimum of 15 inches from the nearest final soil/air interface.
- Apply MBC-33 with chisel equipment. The shank spacing should be equal to the application depth, but may be up to 1½ times the application depth, not to exceed 24 inches. When applying MBC-33 with a Noble plow, use an outlet spacing of 9-12 inches along the sweeps.

Prevention of End Row Spillage
- Do not apply or allow fumigant to spill onto the soil surface. For each injection line either have a check valve located as close as possible to the final injection point, or drain/purge the line of any remaining fumigant prior to lifting injection shanks from the ground.
- Do not lift injection shanks from the soil until the shut-off valve has been closed and the fumigant has been depressurized (passively drained) or purged (actively forced out via air compressor) from the system.

Calibration, Set-up, Repair, and Maintenance for Application Rigs
- Brass, carbon steel, or stainless steel fittings must be used throughout. Polyethylene tubing, polypropylene tubing, Teflon® tubing or Teflon®-lined steel braided tubing must be used for all low pressure lines, drain lines, and compressed gas or air pressure lines. All other tubing must be Teflon®-lined steel braided.
- Galvanized, PVC, nylon, or aluminum pipe fittings must not be used.
- All rigs must include a filter to remove any particulates from the fumigant and for pressurized systems a check valve to prevent backflow of the fumigant into the pressurizing cylinder or the compressed air system.
- Rigs must include a flow meter or a constant pressure system with orifice plates to ensure the proper amount of fumigant is applied.
- To prevent the backflow of fumigant into the compressed gas cylinder (e.g., nitrogen, other inert gas, compressed air), if used, applicators must:
  - Ensure that positive pressure is maintained in the compressed gas cylinder at not less than 200 psi during the entire time it is connected to the application rig, if a compressed gas cylinder is used. (This is not a compressed air system that is part of the application rig, because if the compressor system fails, the application rig will not be operable.)
  - Ensure that application rigs are equipped with properly functioning check valves between the compressed gas cylinder or compressed air system and the fumigant cylinder. The check valve is best placed on the outlet side of the pressure regulator, and is oriented to only allow compressed gas to flow out of the cylinder or compressed air out of the compressed air system.
  - A pressure relief valve must be installed between the regulator and the check valve to ensure a regulator failure does not overpressurize the fumigant cylinder.
  - Always pressurize the system with compressed gas or by use of a compressed air system before opening the fumigant cylinder valve.
  - Before using a fumigation rig for the first time, or when preparing it for use after storage, the operator must check the following items carefully:
    - Check the filter, and clean or replace the filter element as required.
    - Check all tubes and chisels to make sure they are free of debris and obstructions.
    - Check and clean the orifice plates and screen checks, if installed.
    - Pressurize the system with compressed gas or compressed air, and check all fittings, valves, and connections for leaks using soap solution.
  - Install the fumigant cylinder, and connect and secure all tubing. Slowly open the compressed gas or compressed air valve, and check all fittings, valves, and connections for leaks using soap solution.
  - When the application is complete, close the fumigant cylinder valve and blow residual fumigant out of the fumigant lines into the soil using compressed gas or compressed air. If the rig uses a centrifugal pump instead of compressed gas to inject fumigant into the soil, you may need to make residual fumigant from the fumigant lines using an application wand connected to the system’s low point via a drain hose. Place the wand in the soil until all residual fumigant has drained from the system. The wand and drain hose must be free of dirt to allow proper drainage.

At the end of the application season, disconnect all fumigant cylinders from the application rig. At the end of the season, seal all tubing openings with tape to prevent the entry of insects and dirt.

Application equipment must be calibrated and all control systems must be working properly. Proper calibration is essential for application equipment to deliver the correct amount of fumigant uniformly to the soil. Refer to the manufacturer’s instructions on how to calibrate your equipment. Usually the equipment manufacturer, fumigant dealer, or Cooperative Extension Service can provide assistance.

Planting Interval
Planting or transplanting must not occur until at least 14 days after the application is complete. If odors of the fumigant persist beyond this 14 day period (and after tarps are perforated and/or removed), delay planting and disc or plow the soil to help aeration. See Tarp Perforation and/or Removal section on this labeling for further requirements.

Maximum Application Rates

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1Do not exceed specified maximum application rates in Table 1. Row, bed or strip applications may be made at the treated acre application rates, but their broadcast equivalent rates will be proportionately less per acre depending on the spacing and width of treatment in the row, bed or strip.
2The maximum rate to control infestation of Oak Root Fungus (Armillaria mellea) and/or endoparasitic nematodes such as root-knot (Meloidogyne spp.), dagger (Xiphinema spp.), ring (Criconemoides spp.), lesion (Pratylenchus spp.), and pin (Pratylenchus spp.) nematodes is 400 lbs methyl bromide/acre (cannot exceed 597 lbs MBC-33 per acre). Documentation of the pest(s) must be included in the site-specific fumigation management plan.
3The maximum rate to control infestation of Fusarium, Macrophomina, and/or Verticillium is 350 lbs MBC-33 per treated acre. Documentation of these pest(s) must be included in the site-specific fumigation management plan.
Table 2. Maximum Application Rates for Quarantine Uses

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To calculate the broadcast equivalent rate for bedded or strip applications the following information is needed:
- Pounds of product per treated acre
- strip or bed bottom width (inches)
- center-to-center row spacing (inches)
- application block size (acres)

Pounds of product per treated acre is the ratio of total amount of product applied to the size of the total area treated (e.g., the rate of product applied in the bed). For bedded or strip applications, the total area treated is the summation of the area (i.e., length x width) of each treated bed bottom or strip that is located within the application block as shown by the black areas in Figure 1 (e.g., black areas are 0.6A or 60% of the area within the application block). The area of the space between the beds/strips is not factored in the total area treated.

The application block size is the acreage within the perimeter of the fumigated portion of a field (including furrows, irrigation ditches, roadways). The perimeter of the application block is the border that connects the outermost edges of total area treated with the fumigant product.

The "broadcast equivalent rate" must be calculated with the following formula:

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\text{broadcast equivalent rate} = \frac{\text{pounds (or gallons)} \times \frac{\text{strip or bed bottom width (inches)}}{\text{center-to-center row spacing (inches)}}}{\text{pounds (or gallons)} \times \text{application block size (acres)}}
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- The bed width must be measured from the bottom of the bed.
- The center-to-center row spacing must be calculated as shown in Figure 2.
- If there are any ditches, waterways, drive rows and other areas that are not fumigated that are in the application block, multiply the above broadcast equivalent equation by \(\frac{\text{total area of strips or beds + row spacing}}{\text{application block size}}\). A sample calculation is provided below.

Calculating the Broadcast Equivalent Application Rate

### Table 3. Maximum Rates for Crops / Uses without Critical Use Exemptions (CUEs)

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Sample broadcast equivalent rate calculation

Assumptions:
- Application method is shank bedded.
- Bed width is 30 inches (measured at the bottom of bed).
- Center-to-center row spacing is 60 inches.
- 200 pounds of product per treated acre is applied in the beds.
- Total application block size is 10 acres.
- Ditch in the middle of application block is 0.25 acres.
- Area of beds + row spacing is 9.75 acres.

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\text{broadcast equivalent rate strip or bed bottom width area of strips or pounds product/acre) = \frac{\text{center-to-center row spacing inches} \times \text{beds + row spacing} \times \text{pounds product/treated acre applied in the bed}}{30\text{-inch width beds} \times 9.75 \text{ acres} \times 200 \text{ pounds product/treated acre}} = 97.5 \text{ pounds product/acre}
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### Table 4. Tarped Bedded Buffer Zone Distances (feet)

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Broadcast Equivalent Application Rate (lb product/acre)
For all other applications, Tables 4, 5, or 6, as appropriate for the method of application must be used. If after applying all applicable buffer zone credits the buffer zone is greater than ½ mile (2,640 ft), distance regardless of site-specific application parameters). Buffer zone distances must be based on look-up tables in this labeling (25 feet is the minimum distance). Applications in California: Where a Restricted Materials Permit is required for soil fumigation [pursuant to citation for Methyl Bromide, see December 8, 2004 California Department of Pesticide Regulation Methyl Bromide Field Fumigation Guidance Manual (see http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/county/training/methbrom/mebrman.pdf) in accordance with Title 3, Division 6, Subchapter 4 of the California Code of Regulations in effect on January 1, 2011. Buffer zone distances must be calculated using the application rate and the size of the application block.

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Buffer zone distances cannot be greater than 1/2 mile (2,640 feet). If applying applicable credits the buffer zone distances are still greater than 1/2 mile (2,640 feet) the application is prohibited.
Buffer Zone Requirements

A buffer zone must be established for every fumigant application. The following describes the buffer zone requirements:

- The buffer zone must extend outward from the edge of the application block perimeter equally in all directions.
- All non-handlers, including field workers, residents, pedestrians, and other bystanders, must be excluded from the buffer zone during the buffer zone period except for transit (see Buffer Zone Exemption for Transit on Roadways section).
- Local, state, or federal officials performing inspection, sampling, or other similar official duties are not excluded from the application block or the buffer zone by this labeling. The certified applicator supervising the application and the owner of the establishment where the application is taking place are not authorized to, or responsible for, excluding those officials from the application block or the buffer zone.
- For broadcast shank applications using any tart that qualifies for a 60% or greater reduction in buffer zone distance:
  1. The buffer zone period begins at the start of the application and ends after the tarp has been removed from the application block.
  2. As an alternative to (1) above, two buffer zone periods may be established where the first buffer zone period begins at the start of the application and ends for a minimum of 48 hours after the application is complete. The second buffer zone period begins when the tarp is perforated and ends after the tarp has been removed from the application block.
- For all other applications, the buffer zone period begins at the start of the application and lasts for a minimum of 48 hours after the application is complete. See www.tarpcredits.epa.gov for a list of tariffs that have been tested and determined to qualify for buffer reduction credits.

Buffer Zone Proximity

Before the start of application, the certified applicator must determine whether their buffer zone will overlap any methyl bromide buffer zone(s).

To reduce the potential for off-site movement from multiple fumigated fields, buffer zones from multiple methyl bromide application blocks must not overlap UNLESS:

1. A minimum of 12 hours have elapsed from the time the earlier application(s) is complete until the start of the later application, and
2. Fumigant Site Monitoring or Response Information for Neighbors has been implemented if there are any residences or businesses within 300 feet of any of the buffer zones.

Buffer zones must not include buildings used for storage, (e.g., sheds, barns, garages) UNLESS:

1. The storage buildings are not occupied during the buffer zone period, and
2. The storage buildings do not share a common wall with an occupied structure.

Areas not under the control of the owner of the application block

- Buffer zones must not include residential areas (e.g., employee housing, private property), buildings (e.g., commercial, industrial), outdoor residential areas (e.g., lawns, gardens, play areas) and other areas that people may occupy, UNLESS:
  1. The occupants provide written agreement, prior to the start of the application, that they will voluntarily vacate the buffer zone during the entire buffer zone period, and
  2. Reentry by occupants and other non-handlers must not occur until:
     i. The buffer zone period has ended, and
     ii. Sensory irritation is not experienced upon re-entry.

- Buffer zones must not include agricultural areas owned and/or operated by persons other than the owner of the application block, UNLESS:
  1. The owner of the application block can ensure that the buffer zone will not overlap with a methyl bromide buffer zone from any other property owners, except as provided in the Buffer Zone Proximity section, and
  2. The owner of the other property provides written agreement to the applicator that they, their employees, and other persons will stay out of the buffer zone during the entire buffer zone period.

- Buffer zones must not include roads and rights of way UNLESS:
  1. The area is not occupied during the buffer zone period, and
  2. Entry by non-handlers is prohibited during the buffer zone period.

Buffer Zone Exemption for Transit on Roadways

Vehicular and bicycle traffic on public and private roadways through the buffer zone is permitted. (NOTE: Buffer zones are not permitted to include bus stops or other locations where persons wait for public transit.)

- For all publicly owned and/or operated areas such as parks, sidewalks, permanent walking paths, playgrounds, and athletic fields, buffer zones must not include these areas UNLESS:
  1. The area is not occupied during the buffer zone period,
  2. Entry by non-handlers is prohibited during the buffer zone period,
  3. Written permission to include the public area in the buffer zone is granted by the appropriate state and/or local authorities responsible for management and operation of the area.

Certified applicators must comply with all local laws and regulations. See the Posting section for additional requirements that may apply.

Buffer Zone Credits

The buffer zone distances for MBC-33 applications may be reduced by the percentages listed below. Credits may be added, but credits cannot exceed 80%. Also, the minimum buffer zone distance is 25 feet, regardless of buffer zone credits available.

- See www.tarpcredits.epa.gov for a list of tarps that have been tested and determined to qualify for buffer reduction credits. Only tarps listed on this website qualify for buffer reduction credits.
- 15% reduction in buffer zone distance, IF potassium thiosulfate (KTS) is applied at a minimum rate of 300 pounds per acre.
- 10% reduction in buffer zone distance, IF the organic content of the soil in the application block is greater than 1% - 2%; a 20% reduction in buffer zone distance, IF the organic content of the soil in the application block is greater than 2% - 3%; and a 30% reduction in the buffer zone distance, IF the organic content of the soil in the application block is greater than 3%.
- 10% reduction in the buffer zone distance, IF the clay content of the soil in the application block is greater than 27%.

Examples of Buffer Zone Calculations with Credits Applied

If the buffer zone is 50 feet, and the application qualifies for a buffer zone credit since the soil organic content is 1.5%, then the buffer zone can be reduced by 10%, i.e., reduced by 5 feet based on the following calculation: 50 feet – (50 feet x 10%) = 45 feet.

If the buffer zone is 50 feet, and the application qualifies for two buffer zone credits since the soil organic content is 1.5% and the clay content is greater than 27%, then the buffer zone can be reduced by 20% (10% organic content credit + 10% clay content credit), i.e., reduced by 10 feet based on the following calculation 50 feet - (50 feet x 20%) = 40 feet.

Posting Fumigant Buffer Zones

- Posting of a buffer zone is required unless there is a physical barrier that prevents bystander access to the buffer zone.
- Buffer Zone signs must be placed along or outside the perimeter of the buffer zone, at all usual points of entry and along likely routes of approach from areas where people not under the owner’s control may approach the buffer zone.
- Some examples of points of entry include, but are not limited to, roadways, sidewalks, bike paths, and hiking trails.
- Some examples of likely routes of approach include, but are not limited to, the area between a buffer zone and a roadway, or the area between a buffer zone and a housing development.
- When posting, the certified applicator supervising the application must ensure compliance with all local laws and regulations.
- Buffer Zone signs must meet the following criteria:
  1. The printed side of the sign must face away from the application block toward areas from which people could approach.
  2. Signs must be posted no sooner than 24 hours prior to the start of the application and remain posted until the buffer zone period has expired.
  3. Signs must be removed within 3 days after the end of the buffer zone period.
  4. Buffer Zone signs which meet the criteria:
     • The printed side of the sign must face away from the application block toward areas from which people could approach.
     • Signs must be posted no sooner than 24 hours prior to the start of the application and remain posted until the buffer zone period has expired.
     • Signs must be removed within 3 days after the end of the buffer zone period.

Before the start of application, the applicator must determine whether their buffer zone will overlap any methyl bromide buffer zone(s).

To reduce the potential for off-site movement from multiple fumigated fields, buffer zones from multiple methyl bromide application blocks must not overlap UNLESS:

1. The storage buildings are not occupied during the buffer zone period, and
2. The storage buildings do not share a common wall with an occupied structure.

Areas not under the control of the owner of the application block

- Buffer zones must not include residential areas (e.g., employee housing, private property), buildings (e.g., commercial, industrial), outdoor residential areas (e.g., lawns, gardens, play areas) and other areas that people may occupy, UNLESS:
  1. The occupants provide written agreement, prior to the start of the application, that they will voluntarily vacate the buffer zone during the entire buffer zone period, and
  2. Reentry by occupants and other non-handlers must not occur until:
     i. The buffer zone period has ended, and
     ii. Sensory irritation is not experienced upon re-entry.

- Buffer zones must not include agricultural areas owned and/or operated by persons other than the owner of the application block, UNLESS:
  1. The owner of the application block can ensure that the buffer zone will not overlap with a methyl bromide buffer zone from any other property owners, except as provided in the Buffer Zone Proximity section, and
  2. The owner of the other property provides written agreement to the applicator that they, their employees, and other persons will stay out of the buffer zone during the entire buffer zone period.

- Buffer zones must not include roads and rights of way UNLESS:
  1. The area is not occupied during the buffer zone period, and
  2. Entry by non-handlers is prohibited during the buffer zone period.

Buffer Zone Exemption for Transit on Roadways

Vehicular and bicycle traffic on public and private roadways through the buffer zone is permitted. (NOTE: Buffer zones are not permitted to include bus stops or other locations where persons wait for public transit.)

- For all publicly owned and/or operated areas such as parks, sidewalks, permanent walking paths, playgrounds, and athletic fields, buffer zones must not include these areas UNLESS:
  1. The area is not occupied during the buffer zone period,
  2. Entry by non-handlers is prohibited during the buffer zone period,
  3. Written permission to include the public area in the buffer zone is granted by the appropriate state and/or local authorities responsible for management and operation of the area.

Certified applicators must comply with all local laws and regulations. See the Posting section for additional requirements that may apply.

Exception: If multiple contiguous blocks are fumigated within a 14-day period, the entire periphery of the contiguous blocks’ buffer zones may be posted. Buffer Zone signs must be posted no sooner than 24-hours prior to the start of the first application. The signs must remain posted until the last buffer zone period expires, and the signs must be removed within 3-days after the buffer zone period for the last block has expired.
Restrictions for Difficult to Evacuate Sites

Difficult to evacuate sites are pre-K to grade 12 schools, state licensed day care centers, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, hospitals, inpatient clinics, and prisons.

- No fumigant application with a buffer zone greater than 300 feet is permitted within 1/4 mile (120 feet) of difficult to evacuate sites unless the site is not occupied by children from state-licensed day care centers, students (pre-K to grade 12), patients, or prisoners during the application and the 36-hour period following the end of the application.
- No fumigant application with a buffer zone of 300 feet or less is permitted within 1/8 mile (660 feet) of difficult to evacuate sites unless the site is not occupied by children from state-licensed day care centers, students (pre-K to grade 12), patients, or prisoners during the application and the 36-hour period following the end of the application.

Emergency Preparedness and Response Measures:

If the buffer zone is 25 feet, then the Emergency Preparedness and Response Measures are not applicable.

Triggers for Emergency Preparedness and Response Measures

The certified applicator must either follow the directions under the Fumigant Site Monitoring section or follow the directions under the Response Information for Neighbors section if:

- the buffer zone is greater than 25 feet but less than or equal to 100 feet, and there are residences or businesses within 50 feet from the outer edge of the buffer zone, or
- the buffer zone is greater than 100 feet but less than or equal to 200 feet, and there are residences or businesses within 100 feet from the outer edge of the buffer zone, or
- the buffer zone is greater than 200 feet but less than or equal to 300 feet, and there are residences or businesses within 200 feet from the outer edge of the buffer zone, or
- the buffer zone is greater than 300 feet or the buffer zones overlap, and there are residences or businesses within 300 feet from the outer edge of the buffer zone.

Fumigant Site Monitoring

NOTE: Fumigant Site Monitoring is ONLY required if the Emergency Preparedness and Response Measures are triggered AND directions from the Response Information for Neighbors section are not followed.

From the start of the application until the buffer zone period expires, a certified applicator or handler (s) under his/her supervision must:

- Monitor for sensory irritation in areas between the buffer zone outer perimeter and residences and businesses that trigger this requirement.
- Monitoring for sensory irritation must begin in the evening on the day of application and continue until the buffer zone period expires. Monitor a minimum of 8 times during the buffer zone period, including these periods:
  - 1 hour before sunset,
  - during the night,
  - 1 hour after sunrise, and
  - during daylight hours.

Implement the emergency response plan immediately if a handler monitoring experiences sensory irritation.

Response Information for Neighbors

NOTE: Response Information for Neighbors is ONLY required if the Emergency Preparedness and Response Measures are triggered AND directions from the Fumigant Site Monitoring section are not followed.

The certified applicator supervising the application must ensure that residences and businesses that trigger the requirement have been provided the response information at least 1 week before the application starts. The information provided may include application dates that range for no more than 4 weeks. If the application does not occur when specified, the information must be delivered again.

Information that must be included:

- The location of the application block.
- Fumigant(s) applied including the active ingredient, name of the fumigant product(s), and the EPA Registration number.
- Contact information for the applicator and property owner.
- Time period in which the application is planned to take place (must not range more than 4 weeks).
- Early signs and symptoms of exposure to the fumigant(s) applied, what to do, and who to call if you believe you are being exposed (911 in most cases).
- How to find additional information about fumigants.

The method used to share the response information for neighbors can be accomplished through mailings, door hangers, or other methods that will effectively inform the residences and businesses within the required distance from the edge of the buffer zone.

Notice to State and Tribal Lead Agencies

If your state and/or tribal lead agency requires notice, information must be provided to the appropriate state or tribal lead agency prior to the application. Please refer to www.epa.gov/fumigantstatenotice for a list of states and tribal lead agencies that require notice and information on how to submit the information. The information that must be provided to state and tribal lead agencies includes the following:

- Location of the application blocks.
- Fumigant(s) applied including EPA registration number(s).
- Applicator and property owner/operator contact information, and
- Time period that fumigation may occur.

Emergency Response Plan

The certified applicator must include in the FMP a written emergency response plan that identifies:

- Evacuation routes,
- Locations of telephones,
- Contact information for first responders and local/state/federal/tribal personnel, and
- Emergency procedures/responsibilities (e.g., adding water to the field, repairing tarps, fixing equipment, evacuating upward) if:
  - there is an incident,
  - sensory irritation is experienced outside of the buffer zone, and/or
  - there are equipment/tarp/seal failures or complaints, or other emergencies.

Site-Specific Fumigation Management Plan (FMP)

Prior to the start of application, the certified applicator supervising the application must verify that a site-specific FMP exists for each application block. In addition, an agricultural operation fumigating multiple application blocks may format the FMP in a manner whereby all of the information that is common to all the application blocks is captured once, and any information unique to a particular application block or blocks is captured in subsequent sections.

The FMP must be prepared by the certified applicator, the site owner, registrant, or other party. The certified applicator supervising the application must verify in writing (sign and date) that the site-specific FMP reflects current site conditions before the start of the application.

Each site specific FMP must contain the following elements:

- Certified Applicator Supervising the Application
  - Name,
  - Phone number,
  - EPA or state applicator license and/or certificate number,
  - Specify if commercial or private applicator,
  - Employer name,
  - Employer address, and
  - Date and location of completing EPA approved soil fumigant training program.
- General site information
  - Application block location (e.g., county, township-range-section quadrant), address, or global positioning system (GPS) coordinates.
- Name, address, and phone number of application block owner
- Map, aerial photo, or detailed sketch showing:
  - application block location
  - application block dimensions
- Buffer zone dimensions
- Property lines
- Roadways
- Rights-of-ways
- Sidewalks
- Permanent walking paths
- Bus stops
- Nearby application blocks
- Surrounding structures (occupied and non-occupied)
- Locations of Buffer Zone signs, and locations of difficult to evacuate sites with distances from the application block labeled.

General application information

- Target application date/window,
- Fumigant Product Name, and
- EPA registration number.
- Identify if application:
  - Qualifies for a critical use exemption (CUE) at time of application and is listed in Table 1,
  - Qualifies for a quarantine exemption and is listed in Table 2, or
  - Does not qualify for a CUE and is listed in Table 3.

If application qualifies for a quarantine exemption, identify:

- U.S. Federal, state, or local plant, animal, environmental protection or health authority requiring the quarantine application and the particular quarantine/phytosanitary requirement
- Requirement for the treatment (e.g., the State or Federal law)
- Documentation of pest(s) for control of (if applicable):
  - Oak Root Fungus (Armillaria mellea) and/or endoparasitic nematodes such as root-knot (Meloidogyne spp.), dagger (Xiphinema spp.), ring (Criconemoides spp.), lesion (Pratylenchus spp.), or pin (Paratylenchus spp.) nematodes for orchard replant
  - Fusarium, Macrophomina, and/or Verticillium for strawberry fruit.

Tarp Plan (if tarp is used)

- Schedule for checking tarps for damage, tears, and other problems,
- Minimum size of damage that will be repaired,
- Factors used to determine when tarp repair will be conducted,
- Equipment/methods used to perforate tarps,
- Target dates for perforating tarps, and
- Target dates for removing tarps.

Soil conditions

- Description of soil texture and moisture in application block,
- Method used to determine soil moisture, and
- Soil temperature measurement if air temperatures were above 100° F in any of the 3 days prior to the application.
Buffer zones
- Application method,
- Injection depth,
- Application rate from lookup table on label,
- Application block size from lookup table on label,
- Credits applied and measurements taken (if applicable),
  - Tarp brand name, lot number, thickness, manufacturer, batch number, and part number
  - Potassium thiosulfate
  - Organic matter content
  - Clay content
- Buffer zone distance, and
- Description of areas in the buffer zone that are not under the control of the owner of the application block: If buffer zones extend onto areas not under the control of the owner, attach the written agreement and keep it with the FMP.

Record Emergency Response Plan as described in the Emergency Response Plan section.

Posting of Fumigant Treated Area and Buffer Zone
- Person(s) who will post and remove (if different) Fumigant Treated Area and Buffer Zone signs, and
- Location of Buffer Zone signs.

Emergency Preparedness and Response Measures (if applicable)
- Fumigant site monitoring (if applicable);
- When and where it will be conducted
- Response information for neighbors (if applicable);
  - List of residences and businesses informed.

- Name and phone number of person providing information, and
- Method of providing the information.
- State and/or tribal lead agency advance notification (if state and/or tribal lead agency requires notice, provide a list of contacts that were notified and date notified)

Plan describing how communication will take place between the certified applicator supervising the application, the owner, and other on-site handlers (e.g., tarp perforators/removers, irrigators) for complying with label requirements (e.g., buffer zone location, buffer zone start and end times, timing of tarp perforation and removal, PPE).
- Name and number of persons contacted by the certified applicator, and
- Date contacted.

Handler (including Certified Applicators) Information and PPE
- Names, addresses and phone numbers of handlers
- Names, addresses, and phone numbers for employers of handlers
- Tasks that each handler is authorized and trained to perform
- Date of PPE training for each handler
- Applicable handler PPE including:
  - Long-sleeved shirts/long pants, shoes, socks
  - Chemical-resistant apron
  - Chemical-resistant footwear
  - Protective eyewear (not goggles)
  - Chemical-resistant gloves
  - Air-purifying respirators
    - Respirator make, model, type, style, size, and cartridge type
    - SCBAs
  - Respirator make, model, type, style, size
  - Other PPE
- For handlers: Confirmation of receipt of Fumigant Safe Handling Information.
  - For certified applicator(s) supervising the application: Completion date and location of the soil fumigant training program listed on the following EPA website www.epa.gov/fumiganttraining for the active ingredient(s) in this product.
  - For handlers designated to wear respirators (air-purifying respirator or SCBA):
    - Date of medical qualification to wear a respirator,
    - Date of respirator training, and
    - Date of fit-testing for the respirator.
- Unless exempted in the Protection of Handlers section, verify that:
  - at minimum 2 handlers have the appropriate respirators and cartridges during handler activities, and
  - the employer has confirmed that the appropriate respirator and cartridges/canisters are immediately available for each handler who will wear one.

Air monitoring plan
- For monitoring after tarp perforation is complete and before tarp removal begins, indicate:
  - Monitoring equipment to be used, and
  - Timing of monitoring.
- If sensory irritation is experienced, indicate whether operations will cease or operations will continue with use of an air-purifying respirator.

Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs)
- Identify (e.g., list, attach applicable label section) applicable mandatory GAPs.
- Pesticide Product Labels and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)
  - Ensure that labels and MSDS are on-site and readily available for employees to review.

Record-Keeping Procedures
The owner of the application block as well as the certified applicator supervising the application must keep a signed copy of the site-specific FMP for 2 years from the date of application.
For situations where an initial FMP is developed and certain elements do not change for multiple application blocks (e.g., applicator information, 22 certified applicator, handlers, record-keeping procedures, emergency procedures) only elements that have changed need to be updated in the site-specific FMP provided the following:
  - The certified applicator supervising the application has verified that those elements are current and applicable to the application block before it is fumigated.
  - Record-keeping requirements are followed for the entire FMP (including elements that do not change). The certified applicator must make a copy of the FMP immediately available for viewing by handlers involved in the application. The certified applicator or the owner of the application block must provide a copy of the FMP to any local/state/federal/tribal enforcement personnel who request the FMP. In the case of an emergency, the FMP must be made immediately available when requested by local/state/federal/tribal emergency response and enforcement personnel.
  - The certified applicator supervising the application must ensure the FMP is at the application block during all handler activities.
Within 30 days after the application is complete, the certified applicator supervising the application must complete a Post-Application Summary.

Post-Application Summary
The Post-Application Summary must contain the following elements:
- Actual date and time of the application
- Application rate
- Size of application block
- Weather Condition
  - Summary of the National Weather Service weather forecast during the application and the 48-hours after the application is complete including:
    - wind speed, and
    - air stagnation advisory (if applicable).
  - Forecast must be checked on the day of, but prior to the start of the application, and on a daily basis during the application if the time period from the start of the application until the application is complete is greater than 24 hours.

  - Tarp damage and repair information (if applicable):
    - Date of tarp damage discovery,
    - Location and size of tarp damage,
    - Description of tarp/tarp seal/tarp equipment failure, and
    - Date and time of tarp repair completion.

  - Tarp perforation/removal details (if applicable):
    - Date and time tarps were perforated,
    - Date and time tarps were removed, and
    - Record if tarps were perforated and/or removed early. Describe the conditions that caused early tarp perforation and/or removal.

  - Complaint details (if applicable):
    - Of person filing complaint (e.g., on-site handler, person off-site),
    - If off-site person, name, address, and phone number of person filing complaint, and
    - Description of control measures or emergency procedures followed after complaint.

Description of incidents, equipment failure, or other emergency and emergency procedures followed (if applicable).

Air monitoring results:
- When sensory irritation was experienced:
  - Date, time, location, and handler task/activity where irritation was observed and
  - Resulting action (e.g., cease operations, continue operations with air-purifying respirators, implement Emergency Response Plan).
- When using a direct read detection device:
  - Sample date(s), time(s), location(s), and concentration(s),
  - Handler task/activity monitored (if applicable), and
  - Resulting action (e.g., cease operations, continue operations with air-purifying respirators, implement Emergency Response Plan).

Fumigant Treated Area and Buffer Zone Signs:
- Dates of posting and removal.
- Any deviations from the FMP (e.g., changes in emergency response actions, changes in handler information, changes in operations, continue operations with air-purifying respirators, implement Emergency Response Plan).

Record-Keeping Procedures
The owner of the application block, as well as the certified applicator supervising the application, must keep a signed copy of the Post-Application Summary for 2 years from the date of application.

Spill and Leak Procedures
In case of a rupture of hose or fitting while applying fumigant, immediately stop tractor and motor. Evacuate everyone from the immediate area of the spill or leak. Wear the personal protective equipment specified in the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) section of this labeling for entry into affected area to correct problems. Approach from upwind to make necessary repairs. ... waste. Report spill to the National Response Center (800-424-8802) if the reportable quantity of 1000 lbs. is exceeded.

NOTICE: Contains methyl bromide, a substance which harms public health and the environment by destroying ozone in the upper atmosphere.