



Changes in Pesticide Use Reporting for Field Fumigant Applications

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The new regulations apply to the use of these fumigants:

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

Regulations to reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from fumigant pesticides go into effect in 2008. To help the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) keep track of these smog-producing emissions, there are new rules in five areas of California on how field soil fumigations are reported. In these areas, pesticide use reports of field fumigations must include the specific application method.

What's changed

- ▶ In certain areas of California, pesticide use reports for field fumigations must now include the specific method used.
- ▶ In these areas, when field fumigants are used, in addition to sending the pesticide use report to the County Agricultural Commissioner (CAC), copies must also be sent directly to DPR. ***This duplicate reporting requirement only applies to field fumigant applications made in 2008. In 2009 and after, computer systems in the counties will be updated to transfer the information to DPR and it will no longer be necessary to send a copy of the use report to DPR.***

Areas where the new requirements apply

These requirements apply in five areas of the State classified as out of compliance with federal standards. These nonattainment areas (NAAs) are:

- San Joaquin Valley 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, to find out if you are affected by the new regulations, contact your County Agricultural Commissioner's office or go to www.cdpr.ca.gov, click on "A-Z Index" and then "Nonattainment area maps."

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

1. Send the pesticide use report (PUR) to your county using your normal process.
2. Make another copy to send to DPR and write on the top of the form the four-digit code that matches the field fumigation method you used.

You can get a list of method codes from your CAC, or online at www.cdpr.ca.gov, click on "A-Z Index," and then "Field fumigation method codes."
3. Send the PUR copy (with the four-digit method code written on top) to DPR.

By mail:

Department of Pesticide Regulation
Attention: PUR Fumigation Records
Mail Stop 3a
P.O. Box 4015
Sacramento, CA 95812-4015

By fax: (916) 324-9006

By e-mail (PDF files of the pesticide use report form): pur-voc@cdpr.ca.gov

Note: If you use a PUR service provider, check first to find out if the firm has arranged to submit PUR reports for you to the county and to DPR.

INSTRUCTIONS for service providers

1. Send the PUR to the county using your normal process.
2. If you want to send pesticide use reports to DPR on behalf of your clients, contact DPR for instructions. E-mail us at pur-voc@cdpr.ca.gov. *Please let your clients know if you cannot submit PURs to DPR, so they can do so themselves.*

Note: By 2009, your software must be rewritten to allow reporting of the four-digit application method code and other required information.

For more information on the new requirements, visit our Web site, www.cdpr.ca.gov, click on "A-Z Index," then on "VOC regulations."