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Mr. Dennis K. Prober Van Water & Rogers, Inc. 2256 Junction Avenue San Jose, CA 95131

Dear Mr. Prober:

Subject: Guardsman Pole-Gard

EPA Registration No. 550-93

Your Submission Dated June 27, 1988

The labeling referred to above, submitted in connection with registration under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, is acceptable, however:

- 1. Delete the use on "wood chips" or include directions for use.
- 2. The label must be revised to include the new statement "Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwaters." This should replace the old statement.

The name change from Pole-Fume to Pole Guard is acceptable.

Sincerely yours,

Lois A. Rossi Product Manager (21) Fungicide-Herbicide Branch Registration Division (TS-767C)

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GUARDSMAN POLE-GUARD

A Fumigant for Controlling Decay and Insects in Wood Poles and Wood Chips

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ACTIVE INGREDIENT:

Sodium methyldithiocarbamate (Anhydrous)......32.7% INERT INGREDIENT:...............67.3%

Keep Out of Reach of Children

CAUTION

Statement of Practical Treatment: FIRST AID

Immediately start the procedures given below and contact a Poison Center, a physician, or the nearest hospital. Report the type and extent of exposure, describe the victim's symptoms, and follow the advice given.

If on skin: Immediately flush skin with large amounts of running water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention immediately.

If in eyes: Immediately flush eyes with large amounts of running water for at least 15 minutes. Hold eyelids apart to ensure rinsing of the entire surface of the eye and lids with water. Get medical attention immediately.

If inhaled: Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, clear the victim's airway and start mouth-to-mouth artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen, preferably with a physician's advice. Get medical attention immediately.

If swallowed: Immediately give several glasses of water but do not induce vomiting. If vomiting does occur, give fluids again. Have a physician determine if condition of patient will permit induction of vomiting or evacuation of stomach. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious or convulsing person.

See Left Panel for Additional Precautionary Statements

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PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

Hazards to Humans and Domestic Animals

CAUTION

Keep Out of Reach of Children

Harmful if inhaled or swallowed. Irritating to eyes, nose, throat and skin. Avoid breathing vapor or spray mist. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or clothing. In case of contact, immediately remove contaminated clothing. When applying in enclosed areas, use a respirator approved by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (30 CFR Part 11 Subpart M) for protection against pesticide inhalation. If eye irritation occurs, use a full-face respirator. Do not store near food or feed. Keep children and pets out of treated areas.

Environmental Hazards

This product is toxic to fish. Do not apply directly to water or wetlands. Do not apply where runoff is likely to occur. Do not contaminate water by cleaning of equipment or disposal of waste. Apply this product only as specified on the label.

PRODUCT INFORMATION

POLES: POLE-GUARD is a fumigant solution. When used as directed, it will arrest internal decay and control insects present in Douglas Fir, Western Red Cedar and Southern Pine. During this sterilization of the treated area, a fungitoxic residue is deposited in the cells of the wood. This residue is effective for an indefinite period.

Poles known to have internal decay should be scheduled for treatment before they have decayed to the point where replacement is necessary.

USE PRECAUTIONS

READ ALL DIRECTIONS BEFORE USING. Apply this product only as specified on this label. Keep children and pets away during pole treatment. Do not store near feed or food. Keep container tightly closed when not in use. This product is toxic to fish. Apply only as specified on this label.

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DIRECTIONS FOR USE

It is a violation of Federal Law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.

POLES: When a pole is detected with rot or insect damage, dig the soil away from the base of the pole to a depth of 12 inches. Drill 9/16 inch holes in each quarter of the pole at ground line and one 9/16 hole 2 feet above the ground line, preterably above the decay pocket. These holes should be at a 45 degree angle downward and to a depth equal to, or slightly greater than the radius of the pole. Inject equal amounts of POLE-FUME into all holes using a total of 1 pint per hole. In severely diseased poles use 2 pints per hole. Plug the holes with treated wood plugs, using the precaution of wearing safety goggles to avoid splashing any of the liquid POLE-GUARD into the eyes. When the POLE-GUARD treatment is for the control of insects, the pole should be wrapped over the treated area with 48-inch laminated kraft paper. Staple and seal the seam and top eage with 1-inch masking tape.

FOR THE CONTROL OF DECAY IN POLES, NO WRAPPING IS NECESSARY Backfill and tamp the excavated area to form a seal against the kraft paper. The kraft paper should be removed and disposed of, when convenient, after 2 months.

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

PROHIBITIONS: Do not contaminate water, food or feed by storage or disposal.

STORAGE: Do Not Store Below 0 degrees F. Product crystallizes at lower temperatures. Warm or store at higher temperatures and mix to redissolve crystals and assure uniformity before use.

PESTICIDE DISPOSAL: Wastes resulting from the use of this product may be disposed of on site or at an approved waste disposal facility.

CONTAINER DISPOSAL:

METAL-Triple rinse (or equivalent). Then offer for recycling or reconditioning, or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or by other procedures approved by State and local authorities.

PLASTIC- Triple rinse (or equivalent). Puncture and diepose of in a sanitary landfill, or be incinteration, or; if allowed by





State and local authorities, by burning. If burned, stay out of smoke.

NOTICE- READ CAREFULLY

Conditions of Sale and Warranty

The Directions for Use of this product reflect the opinion of experts based on field use and tests. The directions are believed to be reliable and should be followed carefully. However, it is impossible to eliminate all risks inherently associated with use of this product. Crop injury, ineffectiveness, or other unintended consequences may result because of such factors as weather conditions, presence of other materials, or the manner of use or application, all of which are beyond the control of Van Waters & Rogers. All such risks shall be assumed by the Buyer.

SELLER MAKES NO WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, CONCERNING THIS LATERIAL OR THE USE OF THIS PRODUCT OTHER THAN INDICATED ON THE LABEL. BUYER ASSUMES ALL RISK OF USE AND/OR HANDLING OF THIS MATERIAL WHEN SUCH USE/OR HANDLING IS CONTRARY TO LABEL INSTRUCTIONS.

COMPOUND, WEED KILLING, LIQUID (Contains Sodium Methyl Dithiocarbamate) [IMO: Corrosive Liquid, N.O.S., UN 1760]

