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I. INTRODUCTION

A. HISTORY

The history of Dethal pesticides is long, dating back to the mid 1930's. In 1934 Dethal GAS EX-B was introduced into the United States. Dethal Tablets and Tablets Pellets were introduced in 1977. The manufacturer, Chemagro Corp., West Germany, was the early pioneer in the development of hydrogen phosphide as a fumigant gas.

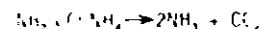
B. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Dethal Tablets and Dethal Tablets Pellets are a hydrogen phosphide compound of aluminum, weight 100% in carbonate form, which is prepared into tablets and pellets. The nearly spherical pellets are about 3/8" in diameter and weigh 10 grams each. The tablets are ~~about 1/2" in diameter~~ ^{in part} spherical in shape and weigh 10 grams each. A pellet will produce about 100 grams of hydrogen phosphide gas per hour. Both react with atmospheric moisture to produce hydrogen phosphide gas, in the following way:



When the reaction occurs, the reaction will occur only at the surface of the tablet or pellet. When moisture and temperature of the fumigated commodity are high, the reaction rate of Dethal may be considerably faster than at low humidity and moderate temperatures and low humidity conditions. The reaction rate of the reaction is directly proportional to the humidity of the commodity being fumigated.

Dethal Tablets and Tablets Pellets contain aluminum carbonate which reacts with atmospheric moisture to produce hydrogen phosphide gas.



These gases are essentially nonflammable and act as inerting agents to reduce the hazards. The ammonia gas also serves as a warning agent.

Spirit Dethal is a gray, white powder composed almost entirely of aluminum hydroxide and other approved inert ingredients. It properly used, the spirit Dethal will produce a small amount of untreated aluminum phosphide and may be disposed of without hazard. This NOT a waste product. However, the partially spent Dethal should be handled with care. The partially spent Dethal should be handled with care. The partially spent Dethal should be handled with care.

C. PRODUCT PACKAGING

Dethal Tablets and Tablets Pellets are packaged in 100 lb. bags and 50 lb. bags. The bags are made of a material which is resistant to moisture and is designed to be used as a storage container. The bags are designed to be used as a storage container. The bags are designed to be used as a storage container.

D. WHAT IS HYDROGEN PHOSPHIDE?

Hydrogen phosphide, more commonly referred to as phosphine, is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas. It is highly flammable and is a powerful fumigant. It is highly flammable and is a powerful fumigant. It is highly flammable and is a powerful fumigant.

E. SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Read the label and follow the instructions carefully.
2. Never work alone when applying fumigant from within the storage structure.
3. Never work alone when handling Dethal.
4. Approved respiratory protection must be used for the fumigation of the structure.
5. Avoid contact with food, feed, or other material when in contact with Dethal.
6. The fumigation of the structure should be completed as soon as possible after the fumigation has been initiated.

8. Dispose of empty containers and spent residual dust in a proper manner consistent with the label instructions.
9. Post "DANGER" signs on fumigated areas.
10. Notify appropriate company employees, and provide relevant safety information to local officials annually for use in the event of an emergency.
11. Hydrogen phosphide fumigants are NOT to be used for vacuum fumigations.
12. Exposure to hydrogen phosphide must not exceed the 8 hour TWA of 0.3 ppm during application or a maximum concentration of 0.3 ppm after application is completed. This includes reentry into a structure.
13. Fumigated finished foods and feeds must be aerated 48 hours prior to offering to the end consumer.
14. Transfer of a treated commodity to another site without complete aeration (down to 0.3 ppm maximum) is permissible provided the new site is placarded.
15. Aerate contaminated clothing in well ventilated area prior to washing.
16. Keep containers tightly closed except when removing product.
17. Do not reuse aluminum phosphide containers for any purpose other than recycling or reconditioning.
18. OSHA recommends that the exposure screening of employees be conducted to detect impaired pulmonary function. OSHA recommends that any employees developing the above condition be referred for medical attention.

Pellets and Tablets

II. PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

A. HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS Keep Out of Reach of Children DANGER-POISON

Pellets and Tablets

Aluminum phosphide in Delta[®] Gas EX-B can be fatal if swallowed. Do not get in eyes, in nose, on skin or on clothing. Do not eat, drink or smoke while handling aluminum phosphide fumigants. When the container is opened, Delta[®] Gas EX-B will begin to release hydrogen phosphide (phosphine) which is an extremely toxic gas. Contact with water, acids and some other liquids will accelerate this reaction. If a garlic odor is detected, refer to the section on "Industrial Hygiene Monitoring" on page 24 for appropriate monitoring procedures. Pure hydrogen phosphide gas is odorless; the odor is due to a contaminant. Since an odor may not be detected under certain circumstances, the absence of a garlic odor does not mean that hydrogen phosphide gas is absent. Observe proper application, aeration, reentry and disposal procedures specified elsewhere in the labeling to prevent overexposure.

FREQUENT EXPOSURE TO CONCENTRATIONS ABOVE PERMISSIBLE LEVELS OVER A PERIOD OF DAYS OR WEEKS MAY CAUSE POISONING

B. STATEMENT OF PRACTICAL TREATMENT

Symptoms of overexposure to hydrogen phosphide are headache, dizziness, nausea, difficult breathing, vomiting and diarrhea. In all cases of overexposure get medical attention immediately. Take victim to a doctor or emergency treatment facility.

1. If gas or dust from pellets or tablets is inhaled: Get exposed person to fresh air. Keep warm and make sure person can breathe freely. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration by mouth to mouth or other means of resuscitation. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.
2. If the pellets, tablets or their dust are swallowed: Drink or administer one or two glasses of water and induce vomiting by forcing back of throat with finger or if available administer syrup of ipecac. Do not give anything by mouth if victim is unconscious or not alert.
3. If pellets, tablets or their dust gets on skin or clothing: Brush or shake material off clothes and place in well ventilated area. Allow clothes to aerate in a ventilated area prior to laundering. Remove and launder contaminated clothing in occupied and well-ventilated area such as auto clothes wash, motel rooms, laundries, etc. Wash contaminated skin thoroughly with soap and water.
4. If dust from the pellets or tablets gets in eyes: Flush with plenty of water. Get medical attention.

C. NOTE TO PHYSICIAN

Aluminum phosphide pellets, tablets or their dust reacts with moisture from the air, water, acids and many other liquids to release hydrogen phosphide

(phosphine) gas. Mild exposure by inhalation causes malaise (mild feeling of sickness), ringing of ears, fatigue, nausea and pressure in chest which are relieved by removal to fresh air. Moderate poisoning causes weakness, vomiting, epigastric pain (pain just above the stomach), chest pain, diarrhea and dyspnea (difficulty in breathing). Symptoms of severe poisoning may occur within a few hours or up to several days, resulting in pulmonary edema (fluid in lungs) and may lead to dizziness, cyanosis (blue or purple skin color), unconsciousness and death.

In sufficient quantity, hydrogen phosphide affects the liver, kidneys, lungs, heart, blood and circulatory system. Inhalation can cause lung edema, pulmonary edema and hyperemia (excess of blood in a body part), and pulmonary hemorrhage and brain edema (fluid in brain). Ingestion can cause lung and brain symptoms, but damage to the internal organs, especially the lungs, from hydrogen phosphide poisoning may result in pulmonary edema, pulmonary hemorrhage, brain edema, and a variety of other symptoms. Ingestion of hydrogen phosphide and treatment with water may cause severe pulmonary edema and pulmonary hemorrhage. Ingestion of hydrogen phosphide may also cause severe pulmonary edema and pulmonary hemorrhage. Ingestion of hydrogen phosphide may also cause severe pulmonary edema and pulmonary hemorrhage.

The following measures are suggested for use by the physician in accordance with his own judgment:

1. In order to moderate harmful symptoms of poisoning may take up to 24 hours to make their appearance. The following is suggested:
 - a. Complete rest 1-2 days, during which the patient must be kept quiet and warm.
 - b. If the patient suffers from vomiting or increased blood sugar, appropriate solutions should be administered. Treatment with oxygen is recommended as is the administration of cardiac and circulatory stimulants.
2. In cases of severe poisoning intensive care unit recommended:
 - a. Where pulmonary edema is observed, steroid therapy should be considered and close medical supervision is recommended. Blood transfusions may be necessary.
 - b. In case of marked pulmonary edema, venesection should be performed under venous pressure control. Heart glycosides such as digitalis used in case of hemocentration. Venesection may result in shock. In the case of progressive edema of the lungs, immediately intubate and remove edema fluid and administer oxygen, over pressure respiration, as well as any measures required for shock treatment. In case of kidney failure, extracorporeal hemodialysis is necessary.
 - c. There is no specific antidote known for this poisoning.
 - d. If pellets or tablets are ingested, induce vomiting, flush the stomach with a diluted potassium permanganate solution or a solution of magnesium peroxide until flushing liquid ceases to come out. Do not thereafter apply carbon adsorbents.

D. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL HAZARDS

Aluminum phosphide in pellets, tablets or partially spent dust will release hydrogen phosphide gas if exposed to moisture from the air or if it comes into contact with water, acids or many other liquids. Piling of tablets, pellets or dust in their fragmentation may cause a temperature increase and continue the release of gas so that ignition could occur.

It is preferred to transport Delta[®] Tablets or Pellets in open air or near a fan which exhausts outside immediately. To be open in a firm die at all times to be used on rare occasions. If they may flash. When opening, point the container away from the face and head, and always loosen the cap. These precautions will minimize the application's exposure to hydrogen phosphide gas.

Pure hydrogen phosphide gas is practically insoluble in water and oils and is stable at normal fumigant temperatures. However, it may react with certain metals and cause corrosion, especially at higher temperatures and relative humidity. Metals such as copper, brass and other copper alloys, and precious metals such as gold and silver are susceptible to corrosion by hydrogen phosphide. They may corrode in order, smoke detectors, brass, switches, heat, batteries and battery chargers, fork lifts, temperature measuring systems, switching gears, communication devices, computers.

honey bee infested
with tracheal mite

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c. Animal Feed and Feed Ingredients

- d. Nonfood Products
 - Animal hide
 - Clothing
 - Processed or unprocessed cotton, wool and other natural fibers or cloth
 - Feathers
 - Furs
 - Human hair, rubberized hair, vulcanized hair, mohair
 - Leather products
 - Tobacco
 - Wood, cut trees, wood chips and wood and bamboo products
 - Paper and paper products
 - Dried plants and flowers
 - Seeds (grass seed, ornamental herbaceous plant seed and vegetable seed)
 - Straw or hay
 - Tires (for mosquito control)

D. DOSAGE GUIDE

Since hydrogen phosphide is a mobile gas and will penetrate to all parts of the storage structure, dosage must be based upon the total volume of the space being fumigated and not on the amount of bulk commodity it contains. For example, the same amount of Deltia[®] is required to treat a 30,000 bushel silo whether it is full or not. The following dosage ranges are allowed for bulk and space fumigations.

DOSAGE GUIDE

PRODUCT	PER 1000 CU. FT.	PER 1000 BU. STORAGE CAPACITY
PELLETS	100 - 725	125 - 905
TABLETS	20 - 145	25 - 180

These dosages should not be exceeded. It is important to realize that shortened exposure period cannot be compensated for with an increased dosage.

The wide dosage ranges listed above are designed to accommodate the variety of fumigation situations that might occur. The major factor in selecting dosage is the capability of the structure to hold hydrogen phosphide during the exposure period and thus obtain and sustain lethal concentrations throughout. It is more difficult to obtain penetration of gas throughout the structure in bulk stored commodities. An example of this is the treatment of grain stored in flat storage in which fumigant cannot be uniformly added to the grain but must be probed or surface applied.

Although it is permissible to choose from the full range of dosages listed above, the following dosage ranges are recommended for the various types of fumigations.

RECOMMENDED DOSAGES FOR SEVERAL TYPES OF FUMIGATIONS

TYPE OF FUMIGATION	DOSAGE RANGE		UNIT OF VOLUME*
	PELLETS	TABLETS	
1. SPACE INCLUDING PACKAGED COMMODITIES:			
A. MILLS, WAREHOUSES, ETC.	100-300	20-60	1000 CU. FT.
B. BAGGED COMMODITIES	100-300	20-60	1000 CU. FT.
C. SEALED FRUITS, VEGETABLES	100-200	20-40	1000 CU. FT.
D. STORED TORPAC	100-200	20-40	1000 CU. FT.
2. BULK STORED COMMODITIES			
A. VERTICAL STORAGE	150-300 200-375	30-60 40-75	1000 CU. FT. 1000 BUSHEL
B. TANKS	200-300 250-400	40-70 50-90	1000 CU. FT. 1000 BUSHEL

C. FLAT STORAGE - LOOSE CONSTRUCTION	250-725 325-900	50-145 65-180	1000 CU. FT. 1000 BUSHEL
D. TANKS	350-725 450-900	70-145 90-180	1000 CU. FT. 1000 BUSHEL
E. PAL CAPS	150-300 200-400	30-70 40-90	1000 CU. FT. 1000 BUSHEL
F. BUNKERS - TARPED GROUND STORAGE	150-300 200-400	30-70 40-90	1000 CU. FT. 1000 BUSHEL
G. BUNDLES	150-300 200-375	30-60 40-75	1000 CU. FT. 1000 BUSHEL
H. SHEDS	150-300 200-400	30-60 40-90	1000 CU. FT. 1000 BUSHEL

* TO TREAT 1000 BUSHEL OF COMMODITY, SEE TABLE

The upper dosages listed are recommended in structures that are of loose construction.

E. SEALING

There are many factors affecting a fumigation but most are minor compared to sealing. Proper sealing is necessary to insure effective control of insects and to protect man and other forms of life in adjoining enclosed areas from hydrogen phosphide during the fumigation. Proper sealing must include the closure of all openings except tiny holes or narrow cracks that are very difficult to seal. Maximum results, however, can be achieved if even these are sealed. Polyethylene sheeting and masking or duct tape are adequate sealing materials. Contact Research Products Company for additional information.

F. EXPOSURE GUIDELINES

The following table may be used as a guide in determining the minimum length of the exposure period at the indicated temperatures.

TEMPERATURE TO WHICH FUMIGANT AND/OR INSECTS ARE EXPOSED	PELLETS	TABLETS
Below 40°F	Do Not Fumigate	Do Not Fumigate
40°F - 53°F	8 days (192 hrs.)	10 days (240 hrs.)
54°F - 59°F	4 days (96 hrs.)	5 days (120 hrs.)
60°F - 68°F	3 days (72 hrs.)	4 days (96 hrs.)
Above 68°F	2 days (48 hrs.)	3 days (72 hrs.)

The length of the fumigation must be great enough so as to provide for adequate control of the insect pests which infest the commodity being treated. It is necessary to lengthen the fumigation at lower temperatures since insects are more difficult to kill under these conditions. In this regard, the temperature to which the insects are exposed is the critical factor.

There is little to be gained by extending the exposure period if the structure to be fumigated has not been carefully sealed. Careful sealing is required to ensure that adequate gas levels are retained. Proper application procedures must be followed to provide satisfactory distribution of hydrogen phosphide gas particularly in the fumigation of bulk commodity contained in large storages.

When pellets or tablets are not uniformly added to a bulk commodity mass (i.e. surface application or shallow probing) exposure times must be substantially lengthened to allow penetration of gas throughout the commodity. As a rule of thumb, a minimum of 1 day should be added to the exposure time listed above for each 10 feet the gas must penetrate downward. It is preferable to add 2 days for each 10 feet. Some structures can only be treated when completely tarped.

In addition, the fumigation period should be long enough that the production of hydrogen phosphide has essentially ceased. This will minimize worker exposure during further storage and/or processing of the treated bulk commodity as well as reduce hazards in the disposal of spent aluminum phosphide products remaining after space fumigations. Temperature and humidity to which Deltia[®] Pellets and Tablets are exposed are important to this determination since both lower temperatures and/or dry air retard gas release.

Consequently, exposure periods recommended in the table are minimum periods and may not be adequate to control all stored product pests under all conditions. This is particularly true at lower temperatures (below 60°F). Nor will they always provide for the cessation of the production of hydrogen phosphide when pellets or tablets are exposed to inadequate moisture levels. Grain at 70°F and 12 percent moisture provides more than adequate conditions for fumigation.

If the temperature to which the insects are exposed is warmer than the temperature to which the pellets or tablets are exposed (i.e. may occur in a winter space fumigation), it may be possible to obtain an effective insect kill before the fumigant is totally spent. In this event it is permissible to conclude a space fumigation as soon as an effective kill has been achieved, however in this event the pellets or tablets must be deactivated prior to disposal. See deactivation instructions on page 21 of this manual.

Whenever possible, exposure periods should exceed minimum periods listed on page 8. Remember, the key to effective results lies with correct dosage, long exposure periods, proper application procedures and well sealed enclosures.

G. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. GENERAL STATEMENT

The following instructions are intended to provide general guidelines for typical fumigations. These instructions are not intended to cover every type of situation nor are they meant to be restrictive. Other procedures may be used if they are safe, effective and consistent with the properties of aluminum phosphide products.

2. APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR DIRECT ADDITION OF PELLETS OR TABLETS TO BULK COMMODITIES

a. Commodities Listed raw agricultural commodities, seeds, wood chips, animal feed and feed ingredients, and processed brewers rice, malt and corn grits used in the manufacture of beer.

b. Storage Structures Bins, tanks, silos, granaries, flat storage, bunkers, bulk rail cars, etc.

c. Procedures For Vertical Storage (concrete upright bins and other silo type bins that can be quickly transferred)

(1) For best results all cracks and openings with the exception of fill openings should be closed or sealed prior to fumigating the bin. To this end, vents near the bin top connecting adjacent bins should be sealed prior to the fumigation. If the bin is entered to seal these openings after the fumigant has been added, proper respiratory protection must be worn.

(2) Determine minimum exposure time based on commodity temperature and moisture. At commodity moistures of below 11.5%, exposure periods should be extended to obtain complete reaction of the fumigant.

(3) Calculate the number of pellets or tablets needed and the rate at which they must be added based upon the rate at which the bin will be filled.

(4) Pellets or tablets may be added by hand or by an automatic dispenser on the headhouse/gallery belt or into the fill opening. An automatic dispenser may also be used to add fumigant into the upper of the elevator. Add fumigant in as continuous a manner as possible to the commodity stream.

(5) Seal the bin deck openings after the application is complete.

(6) Vertical bins can be fumigated by deep probing.

(7) Bins requiring more than 24 hours to fill should not be fumigated by direct addition as the bin is filled. These bins must be fumigated by probing, surface application or other appropriate methods.

(8) Post "DANGER" placards on all entrances and on the discharge chute.

(9) Bins need not be aerated until they are transferred. Workers must not be over exposed during this transfer.

d. Procedures for Flat Storage (rectangular shaped bins, tanks, farm style bins and other horizontal bins)

(1) Check the storage for tightness.

(2) To the extent practical, seal any vents, cracks or other sources of leaks.

(3) Determine application procedure to be used. This can include shallow probing, deep probing, uniform addition as the bin is filled, or surface application.

Bins requiring more than 24 hours to fill should not be fumigated by addition as the bin is filled since large quantities of gaseous fumigant may escape before the bin is finally sealed.

Probes should be inserted at horizontal intervals along the length and width of the bin. The number of pellets or tablets per probe is determined by dividing the total number of pellets or tablets by the total number of probes. Pellets or tablets will be dropped into the probes at intervals as the probe is withdrawn. Releasing all the fumigant into the probe at once may retard the production of hydrogen phosphide and might cause an ignition of gas trapped in the clump of pellets or tablets.

Surface application can be used if the bin can be made sufficiently gas tight to contain the fumigant long enough for it to penetrate throughout. In this instance it is advisable to place 1/4 of the dosage in the floor level aeration ducts. This fumigant must not contact cold phase water.

(4) Determine dosage and exposure time. The dosage will depend in large part on a combination of the tightness of the seal, the application procedure and the grain depth. The poorer the seal and the farther the gas must penetrate to reach throughout the bin the higher the required dosage will be. For good results add the length of time required for the gas to penetrate throughout the bin to the exposure time given on page 8 of this manual. To the extent possible, lengthen the exposure period. As a "rule of thumb" a minimum of 1 day should be added to the exposure time for each 10 feet the gas must penetrate downward. It is preferable to add 2 days for each 10 feet.

Exposure periods listed on page 8 of this manual should also be lengthened at commodity moistures below 11.5% to obtain complete reaction of the fumigant.

(5) Arrange enough applicators and other workers to complete the job quickly enough to avoid excessive exposure to hydrogen phosphide gas. The production of gas during application can be significantly retarded by venting tanks outdoors, conducting fumigations when temperatures in the bin are lowest, and other work practices. It is often advisable to wear approved respiratory protection from start to finish. Monitoring with a suitable detection device is required to assure that the 0.3 ppm 8 hour TWA is not exceeded. See "Industrial Hygiene Monitoring" section on page 19 of this manual.

(6) It is often advisable as an additional sealing measure to cover the commodity with plastic tarps.

(7) Seal all remaining exits.

(8) Post "DANGER" placards on and lock all entrances.

(9) The bin need not be aerated unless reentry is required. Consult safety procedures listed elsewhere in labeling.

e. Procedures for Bunkers and Other Outdoor Tarped Commodities

(1) See steps "3" and "4" in section "d" above.

(2) When tarps are being spread over ground storage they should be glued, clamped or otherwise sealed together. Sand or water snakes can be used for a ground seal.

(3) Application may be made through slits in the tarp or the tarp can be spread over the commodity after application. Seal slits after application.

(4) Post "DANGER" placards.

(5) This is an outdoor application so safety monitoring and respiratory equipment are not required.

f. Procedures for Rail Cars, Containers, Trucks, and other Transport Vehicles

Rail cars, containers, trucks and other transport vehicles loaded with bulk commodities to which Delia® Tablets or Pellets may be added are treated in essentially the same way as any other storage facility. Delia® may be added as the vehicle is being filled, the dose may be scattered over the surface after loading has been completed or the tablets or pellets may be probed below the surface. Carefully seal any vents, cracks or other leaks particularly if the fumigation is to be car-

ried out in transit. Remember, rail cars and containers shipped piggyback by rail may be fumigated in transit, but it is not legal to move trucks, trailers, etc., over public roads or highways until they are aerated. See section "III. J" on page 17 of this manual for recommendations on placarding, commodity aeration and training of persons authorized to remove placarding.

Notify the consignee if the commodity is to be shipped under fumigation. If the consignee is unfamiliar with proper handling of fumigated rail cars, it is recommended that they be provided with the necessary information.

9. Procedures for Farm Storage

(1) General

Since on farm storage is almost always flat storage, refer to "Procedures for Flat Storage" on page 9 of this manual. The instructions which follow provide additional guidance.

(2) Sealing

Leakage is the single most important cause of failure in the treatment of farm bins. Since these bins are usually small by comparison they have a higher leakage area in proportion to their capacity. Most wooden granaries are so porous that they cannot be successfully fumigated unless they are completely covered with plastic sheeting or similar tarp. Steel bins are also usually of very loose construction and therefore, require much attention to sealing. All vents and aeration ducts must be tightly sealed using 4 mil polyethylene sheeting or its equivalent. The plastic must be sealed directly to the metal with tape or other adhesive. It is not sufficient to "cinch up" the plastic as with a belt. The surface of the grain should be covered with plastic sheeting after Delta[®] has been applied. Tarping of the grain surface will greatly reduce leakage. Other sealing techniques are recommended: i.e. closure of all large cracks with caulking, foam insulation or other sealant. Sealing these cracks will greatly reduce the required dosage. Two mil or thicker plastic can be used for tarping the grain surface; however, the plastic used on the outside of the bin should be at least 4 mils. When an entire structure is tarped the plastic must be at least 6 mils thick to prevent excessive tearing during the fumigation.

(3) Dosage

Unless all the large cracks are sealed as described above the dosage recommended should be 90-180 tablets or 450-900 pellets per 1000 bu. capacity of the space under the plastic tarp.

(4) Additional Application Instructions

Probing tablets or pellets into the grain mass is the recommended method of application. Probe insertions should be scattered evenly over the surface. A rigid PVC pipe, about 5 to 7 feet long and 1 1/4 inch diameter can be used. In this event use about 20 bu. tablets or 100-250 pellets per probe. The fumigant is gradually released into the probe as it is withdrawn from the grain. Releasing all the fumigant into the probe at once may retard the production of hydrogen phosphide and might cause an ignition of gas trapped in the clump of pellets or tablets. Place no more than 1/4 of the total dose in floor level aeration ducts. Be sure the inside of the aeration duct is dry before adding the pellets or tablets. Addition of Delta[®] to water in an aeration duct can cause a fire. Seal the aeration fan as described above.

(5) Additional Precautions

Do not fumigate bins that will be entered by humans or animals prior to aeration. Do not fumigate areas which house equipment containing copper or other metals which will be corroded by hydrogen phosphide. This includes electrical and electronic equipment.

Place "DANGER" placards on entrances to the bin and near the ladder. See section on "PLACARDING OF FUMIGATED AREAS" on page 17 of this manual.

If monitoring equipment is not available, an approved canister respirator must be worn for indoor application. If an approved respirator is not available, application must be done from outside of the site to be fumigated. Also refer to all other precautions given in this manual.

(6) Post Aeration Treatment

It is good practice to spray the grain surface with an approved insecticide protectant to retard reinfestation and to fog the space above the grain to kill existing adult flying insects.

3. APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR SPACE FUMIGATIONS.

a. Procedures for Mills, Warehouses, Food Processing Plants, Chambers, Trucks, Trailers, Containers and other Static Sealable Enclosures

(1) Determine the dosage of tablets or pellets to be applied based upon the following parameters for space fumigation:

- The volume of the structure
- The air and/or commodity temperature
- The general tightness of the structure to be fumigated

(2) Determine exposure period based on the "Exposure Guide" on page 8 of this manual.

(3) Seal all openings except for the door being used to enter and leave. Pay particular attention to openings to connecting or adjacent structures.

(4) Place trays or sheets of Kraft paper or foil, up to 12 sq. ft. (11 sq. m.) in area, on the floor throughout the structure to hold Delta[®] Tablets or Pellets.

(5) Spread Delta[®] on the sheets at a density no greater than 30 tablets per sq. ft. or 75 pellets per sq. ft. This corresponds to slightly more than one half flask of tablets or one half flask of pellets per 3' x 4' sheet. Check to see that they have not piled up and that they are spread out evenly to minimize contact between the individual tablets or pellets.

(6) Pellets and tablets may also be applied in moisture permeable envelopes to fumigate commodities. When fumigating in this way the envelopes must be fastened to a substantial support. Place no more than 10 pellets nor more than 2 tablets into one envelope. Delta[®] Pellets and Tablets shall not be placed in or attached to commodity packages intended for retailers.

(7) When fumigating multiple story buildings, each floor is considered a separate enclosure. Application should begin with the top floor and end with the ground floor.

(8) Seal all remaining exits.

(9) Placard and lock all entrances.

(10) Aerate the structure upon completion of the exposure period. Standard aeration time and practices should be developed using a low level detection device. Practices will vary widely at different sites but will usually include opening windows, doors, and vents and activating any ventilation equipment. Reentry of an unaerated structure must be done in pairs wearing appropriate respiratory equipment.

(11) Dispose of remaining dust from tablets or pellets. SEE "STORAGE AND DISPOSAL" on page 19 of this manual. Avoid breathing the dust.

b. Procedures for Space Fumigations Under Tarps

(1) General

Follow the pertinent instructions given immediately above in part a.

Use of plastic sheeting or tarpaulins to provide a fumigation enclosure is one of the easiest and least expensive means for providing relatively gas tight enclosures which are very well suited for fumigation. Plastic tarps are penetrated only very slowly by hydrogen phosphide gas, and tight coverings are readily formed from the sheets. The volume of these enclosures may vary widely.

(2) Sealing

An enclosure suitable for fumigation may be formed by covering packaged commodities with plastic sheeting. The sheets may be taped, glued, or clamped together to provide a sufficient width of material to ensure that adequate sealing is obtained. If the flooring upon which the commodity rests is of wood or other porous material, it should be repositioned onto plastic sheeting prior to covering for fumigation. The plastic covering of the pile may be sealed to the floor using tape, glue, sand or water snakes, by

shoveling soil or sand onto the ends of the plastic covering or by other suitable procedures. The plastic covering should be reinforced by tape or other means around any sharp corners or edges in the stack so as to reduce the risk of tearing. Thinner sheeting, about 2 mils, is suitable for most indoor tarp fumigations. However, 4 mil plastic or thicker is more suitable for outdoor applications where wind or other mechanical stresses are likely to be encountered.

(3) Additional Application Instructions

Tablets or pellets may be applied under the edge of the tarp or through slits. The pellets or tablets should be protected from condensation or other source of water. The slits in the covering should be carefully taped to prevent loss of gas once the dose has been applied. Pellets or tablets must be placed in a single layer. Care should be taken to prevent the plastic tarp from covering the pellets or tablets in such a way as to prevent contact with moist air or to confine the gas. Refer to other sections for dosage and exposure times.

(4) Additional Precautions

See appropriate precautions if the fumigation is conducted indoors as opposed to outdoors. Indoor fumigation precautions are handled as any other situation where the application is made from outside the area being fumigated (i.e. the adding of pellets or tablets to a dispenser for uniform addition to grain). Workers may occupy adjacent indoor areas but they must be protected from overexposure to hydrogen phosphide by adequate sealing, ventilation or as a last resort, respiratory equipment.

Do not walk on stacks during the fumigation.

Place "DANGER" placards at conspicuous points on the enclosure.

Follow precautions listed elsewhere in labeling.

(5) Aeration

Precautions must be taken to assure that exposure to hydrogen phosphide in excess of allowed limits does not occur both during the fumigation and aeration.

4. APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR INTRANSIT FUMIGATION OF SHIP HOLDS

a. General Information

- (1) Shipboard fumigation is also regulated by the U.S. Coast Guard Regulations 46 CFR 147A.
- (2) This product is toxic to fish. Keep out of lakes, streams and other aquatic environments. Do not contaminate water by cleaning equipment or disposal of wastes.

b. Pre-Voyage Fumigation Procedures and Precautions

- (1) Refer to and comply with the regulations and procedures found in U.S. Coast Guard Regulation, 46 CFR 147A.
- (2) Prior to fumigating a vessel for intransit cargo fumigation, the master of the vessel or his representative, and the fumigator must determine whether the vessel is suitably designed and configured so as to allow for safe occupancy by the ship's crew throughout the duration of the vessel and the fumigation/voyage.

If it is determined that the design and configuration of the vessel does not allow for safe occupancy by the ship's crew throughout the duration of the fumigation/voyage, then the vessel will not be fumigated unless all crew members are removed from the vessel. The crew members will not be allowed to re-occupy the vessel until the vessel has been properly aerated and a determination has been made by the master of the vessel and the fumigator that the vessel is safe for occupancy.

- (3) The person responsible for the fumigation must notify the master of the vessel, or his representative of the requirements relating to personal protection equipment, low range detection equipment and that a person qualified in the use of this equipment must accompany the vessel with cargo under fumigation. Emergency procedures, cargo ventilation, periodic monitoring and inspections and first aid measures must be discussed with and understood by the master of the vessel or his representative.

- (4) Seal all openings to the cargo hold or tank using suitable water proof, gas tight materials. Lock and/or otherwise secure all openings, manways, etc. used to enter the hold. Post appropriate "DANGER" placards on same.

- (5) On tankers the over-space pressure relief system of each tank must be sealed by (1) the closing of appropriate valves and (2) sealing the openings into the over-space with gas tight materials.
- (6) Contact appropriate authorities.
- (7) If the fumigation is not completed and the vessel aerated before the manned vessel leaves port, the person in charge of the vessel shall insure that at least two units of personal protection equipment and one gas or vapor detection device and a person qualified in their operation be on board the vessel during the voyage.
- (8) During the fumigation or until a manned vessel leaves port or the cargo is aerated, the person in charge of the fumigation shall insure that a qualified person using gas or vapor detection equipment test spaces adjacent to the fumigated cargo area and all regularly occupied spaces for fumigant leakage.

If leakage of the fumigant is detected, the person in charge of the fumigation shall take action to correct the leakage or shall inform the master of the vessel or his representative of the leakage so that corrective action can be taken.

- (9) Review with the master, or his representative, the voyage precautions and procedures.

*Personal protection equipment means a respirator or gas mask fitted with a canister designed for phosphine gas which is approved by NIOSH/MSHA. A gas mask and canister is approved for use up to 15 ppm, above 15 ppm or at unknown concentrations a SCBA or its equivalent must be used.

c. Procedures for Bulk Dry Cargo Vessels and Tankers

- (1) Apply either the tablets or pellets by scattering them uniformly onto the commodity surface utilizing as much of the total surface area as possible, or insert them uniformly into the commodity mass by hand or with probes to any depth desired.
- (2) Close and secure hatch covers, tank tops, butlerworths, etc. immediately following application.

d. Voyage Precautions and Procedures

- (1) At regular intervals monitor spaces adjacent to areas containing fumigated cargo and all regularly occupied areas for fumigant leakage using appropriate gas detection equipment.

Special attention should be given to living quarters, kitchens, storerooms, mess halls, keel ducts, day rooms, the bridge, engine room and any other enclosed spaces occupied or frequented by crew members during a voyage.

- (2) If hydrogen phosphide is detected, evacuate the space or area, locate and seal off the source of the leak, wearing appropriate respiratory protection equipment. Ventilate the area before allowing occupants to return.
- (3) Do not enter fumigated holds or tanks.
- (4) Do not open, ventilate or aerate the fumigated holds during the voyage.

e. Precautions and Procedures During Discharge

If necessary to enter holds prior to discharge, test spaces directly above cargo surface for fumigant concentration using appropriate gas detection and personal protection equipment. Do not allow entry to fumigated areas without personal protection equipment unless fumigant concentrations are at safe levels as indicated by a suitable detector.

f. Personal Protective Equipment and Monitoring

- (1) Fully loaded holds on dry bulk carriers are considered an outdoor fumigation.
- (2) Tanker holds which must be entered to fumigate and partially loaded holds on dry bulk carriers are fumigated from within the area being treated.
- (3) See sections I and M on pages 17, 18 and 19 of this manual for requirements.
- (4) If hydrogen phosphide is detected a minimum of two qualified persons on ship should wear the gas mask and canister described above while aerating the area and locating and sealing the leak.

5 APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR INTRANSIT FUMIGATION OF CONTAINERS ON SHIPS

- When fumigating bulk commodities to which direct addition of pellets or tablets is not allowed or packaged commodities, refer to section "3.a" on page 12 of this manual. Do not place tablets loosely on trays or sheets of paper or foil since movement of the container may disrupt the correct placement of pellets or tablets. Instead they must be applied in moisture permeable envelopes as described in section "3.a(6)".
- When fumigating a commodity by direct addition of pellets or tablets refer to Section "2.1" on page 10 of this manual.
- Intransit fumigation of containers on ships is regulated by Coast Guard Regulation 46 CFR 147A and the applicator or shipper must obtain and comply with U.S. Coast Guard Special Permit No. 52-75. Contact the Coast Guard or Research Products Company for additional information.
- Comply with general precautions given in labeling.

6 APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR FUMIGATION OF BARGES

- General**
Since barge fumigation is a type of flat storage fumigation as well as having similarities in common with a ship, refer to the sections "Procedures for Flat Storage" on page 9 and "APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR INTRANSIT FUMIGATION OF SHIP HOLDS" on page 13.

Barge fumigation is regulated by the U.S. Coast Guard Regulations 46 CFR 147A as modified by U.S. Coast Guard Special Permit 2-75. The shipper or fumigator must possess this permit prior to fumigating. To obtain this permit contact:

U.S. Coast Guard
Hazardous Materials Branch
Washington, D.C. 20593-0001

- Sealing**
Special care must be taken in determining whether a barge is suitable for fumigation. Excessive leakage may occur through poorly sealed hold covers.

7 APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR FUMIGATION OF RODENT AND MOLE BURROWS

- List of Burrowing Pests**
Deltia® Tablets and Pellets may be used out of doors only for the control of the following burrowing rodents and moles: marmot, squirrel, woodchucks and yellow-belly marmots (rockchucks), prairie dogs (except Utah prairie dog), Norway and roof rats, mice, ground squirrels, moles (except in Indiana), voles, gophers and chipmunks (except in California).

- Application Instructions**
Add from 1 to 4 Deltia® Tablets or 5 to 20 Deltia® Pellets to each burrow opening. Seal tightly by shoveling soil over the entrance. Place the pellets or tablets far enough down the burrow that the soil used to plug the burrow doesn't cover the pellets or tablets, slowing down their action. Where possible, subsurface tunnels or runways should be treated every 5 to 10 feet with a dose of 2 to 4 tablets or 10 to 20 pellets. Use lower rates in smaller burrows, in light soils, under moist soil conditions, and higher rates in larger burrows, in porous soils and/or when soil moisture is low. In extremely dry or porous soil it is sometimes not possible to obtain satisfactory results. This is particularly true in instances where the burrow systems are extensive such as moles or gophers. It is always better not to fumigate during extended periods of dry weather. Treat reopened burrows and fresh runways a second time 1 to 3 days after the initial treatment.

Deltia® may be used out of doors only, for control of burrowing pests. Do not use within 15 feet (5 meters) of inhabited structures. Do not apply to burrows which may open under or into occupied buildings.

Environmental Hazards

This product is highly toxic to wildlife. Non-target organisms exposed to hydrogen phosphide gas in burrows will be killed. Do not apply

directly to water or wetlands (swamps, bogs, marshes, and potholes). Do not contaminate water by cleaning of equipment or disposal of wastes.

d. Endangered Species Restrictions

The use of Deltia® Pellets and Tablets in a manner that may kill or otherwise harm an endangered or threatened species or adversely modify their habitat is a violation of federal laws. Before using this pesticide on range and/or pastureland in the counties listed below, you must obtain the PESTICIDE USE BULLETIN FOR PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES for the county in which the product is to be used. The bulletin is available from your county extension agent, state fish and game office, or your pesticide dealer. Use of this product in a manner inconsistent with the PESTICIDE USE BULLETIN FOR PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES is a violation of federal laws.

Even if applicable county bulletins do not prohibit the use of this product at the intended site of application, you may not use this product for control of prairie dogs in the states of Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah or Wyoming unless a pre-control survey has been conducted. Contact the nearest U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service endangered species specialist to determine survey requirements in your area. This survey must be in compliance with the black-footed ferret survey guidelines developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and a determination must be made in accordance with the guidelines that black-footed ferrets are not present in the treatment area.

CALIFORNIA

Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Stanislaus and Tulare

FLORIDA

Statewide

GEORGIA

Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Baker, Ben Hill, Bleckley, Berrien, Brantley, Brooks, Bryan, Bullock, Calhoun, Camden, Candler, Charlton, Chatham, Clinch, Coffee, Colquitt, Cook, Crisp, Decatur, Dodge, Dooley, Dougherty, Early, Echols, Effingham, Emanuel, Evans, Gwin, Grady, Irwin, Jeff Davis, Jenkins, Johnson, Lanier, Laurens, Lee, Liberty, Long, Lowndes, Macon, McIntosh, Miller, Mitchell, Montgomery, Pierce, Pulaski, Screven, Seminole, Telfair, Tattnall, Thomas, Tift, Toombs, Treutlen, Turner, Ware, Wayne, Wheeler, Wilcox and Worth

NEW MEXICO

Hidalgo

UTAH

Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane, Piute, Sevier, Washington and Wayne

WYOMING

Albany

e. Special Local Restrictions

(1) NORTH CAROLINA

Deltia® Tablets and Pellets may only be used for control of rats and mice in the state of North Carolina. Use against other pests is not permitted.

(2) OKLAHOMA

A special permit for black-tailed prairie dog control by poisoning is required in Oklahoma. Contact the Oklahoma State Department of Wildlife Conservation to obtain this permit.

(3) WISCONSIN

A state permit is required for use of pesticides in Wisconsin to control small mammals, except rats or mice. Please contact your local Department of Natural Resources office for information.

(4) INDIANA

Use of Delat[®] Tablets or Pellets for mole control is not legal in the state of Indiana

(5) MISSOURI

A state permit is required for use of pesticides in Missouri to control small mammals, except rats and mice. Please contact the Missouri Department of Conservation office for information.

(6) KANSAS

A special permit for black-tailed prairie dog control by poisoning is required in Kansas. Contact the Kansas Fish and Game Commission to obtain this permit.

(7) CALIFORNIA

Use of Delat[®] Tablets and Pellets for mole control is not legal in the state of California.

8. APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR FUMIGATION OF BEEHIVES, SUPERS AND OTHER BEEKEEPING EQUIPMENT

Delat[®] Tablets and Pellets may be used for the control of the greater wax moth in stored beekeeping supers and other beekeeping equipment and for the destruction of bees, Africanized bees, and diseased bees including those infested with tracheal mites and foulbrood. The recommended dosage for this use is 30-45 tablets or 150-225 pellets per 1000 cubic feet.

Fumigations may be performed in chambers at atmospheric pressure under favorable conditions, using the tablets or pellets in May, or in no-state permeable environments. Do not add more than 2 tablets or 10 pellets to each hive or super. Honey from treated hives or supers may not be used for bee food.

H. PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

Wear dry gloves made of cotton or other material that react with tablets or pellets. If their dust is inhaled, wash hands after use.

I. RESPIRATORY PROTECTION

1. WHEN RESPIRATORY PROTECTION MUST BE WORN

NIOSH/MSHA approved respiratory protection must be worn during exposure to concentrations in excess of permitted limits or when concentrations are uncertain.

2. PERMISSIBLE GAS CONCENTRATION RANGES FOR RESPIRATORY PROTECTION DEVICES

A NIOSH/MSHA approved full-face respirator, provided an adequate canister combination may be used at levels up to 10 ppm for up to 10 hours from levels up to 1500 ppm. At these levels, on-site dosing where the hydrogen phosphide concentration is unknown, a NIOSH/MSHA approved self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) or its equivalent must be used. The NIOSH/MSHA approved gas cylinder must be used with these and other types of respirators, and the concentration limits at which they may be used.

3. REQUIREMENTS FOR AVAILABLE SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING PROTECTION

Respiratory protection must be available at the site of application whenever it is needed when applying Delat[®] from within the structure being fumigated. An approved full-face gas mask, providing no escape, ventilation or self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) or its equivalent must be available at the site of application. If SCBA or its equivalent is not available at the application site, it must be readily accessible for example at a fire station or rescue squad.

Respiratory protection need not be available for application from outside the area to be fumigated such as addition of tablets or pellets to automatic dosing equipment, etc. if exposures at or below the permitted exposure limit will not be encountered.

Respiratory protection need not be available for treated commodities.

If monitoring equipment is not available on a farm or application can't be done from outside the structure, an approved full-face respirator must be worn during application from within the structure and outdoors.

J. PLACARDING OF FUMIGATED AREAS

The applicator must placard or post all entrances to the fumigated area with signs bearing:

1. The words "DANGER - FUMIGATION" and the skull and crossbones symbol.

2. The statement, "Area and/or commodity under fumigation. DO NOT ENTER/NO ENTRE".
3. The statement "This sign may only be removed after the commodity is completely aerated (contains 0.3 ppm or less phosphine gas). If incompletely aerated commodity is transferred to a new site, the new site must also be placarded and workers must not be exposed to more than 0.3 ppm phosphine."
4. The date and time fumigation begins and is completed.
5. Name of fumigant used.
6. Name, address, telephone number of the applicator.

All entrances to a fumigated area must be placarded. Where possible, placards should be placed in advance of the fumigation in order to keep unauthorized persons away. For railroad hopper cars, placarding must be placed securely on both sides of the car near the ladders and next to the top hatch into which the fumigant is introduced.

Do not remove a placard until the treated commodity is aerated down to 0.3 ppm or less. To determine whether aeration is complete, each fumigated site or vehicle must be monitored and shown to contain 0.3 ppm or less hydrogen phosphide gas in the air space around and, when feasible, in the mass of commodity.

Transfer of incompletely aerated commodity to a new site is permissible; however, the new storage must be placarded if it contains more than 0.3 ppm hydrogen phosphide.

Workers who handle incompletely aerated commodity must be informed and appropriate measures must be taken (i.e., ventilation or respiratory protection) to prevent exposures from exceeding the exposure limits for hydrogen phosphide.

It is recommended that the person responsible for removing the placards be familiar with the physical, chemical and toxicological properties of hydrogen phosphide. They should also be knowledgeable in how to take gas readings, exposure limits, symptoms and first aid treatment for hydrogen phosphide poisoning.

K. GAS DETECTION EQUIPMENT

There are several reliable devices marketed. One type is the hand pump when used in conjunction with the appropriate detector tube. They are portable, simple devices and do not require intensive training or elaborate supporting equipment to operate. Furthermore, they are inexpensive, very adaptable to remote monitoring procedures and will measure concentrations of hydrogen phosphide in trace amounts on job. Use instructions are enclosed with each purchase. Consult your local supplier of such equipment or United Research Products Company for more information.

L. AERATION OF FUMIGATED COMMODITIES

1. FOODS AND FEEDS

Tolerances for hydrogen phosphide residues have been established at 0.1 ppm for animal feeds and 0.01 ppm for finished foods. To guarantee compliance with these tolerances, it is necessary to aerate these commodities for 48 hours prior to offering them to the end consumer.

2. TOBACCO

Tobacco must be aerated for at least three days (72 hours) when fumigated in bogsheads and for at least two days (48 hours) when fumigated in other containers. When plastic liners are used, longer aeration periods will probably be required to aerate the commodity down to 0.3 ppm.

3. As an alternative to these aeration periods, each container of a treated commodity may be analyzed for residues using accepted analytical methods. If residues are less than tolerance levels, the commodity may be shipped to the consumer regardless of the above holding periods.

M. APPLICATOR AND WORKER EXPOSURE

1. HYDROGEN PHOSPHIDE EXPOSURE LIMITS

Exposure to hydrogen phosphide must not exceed the 8-hour TWA of 0.3 ppm for applicators and workers during application. Application is defined as the time period covering the opening of the first container, applying the appropriate dosage of fumigant and closing up the site to be fumigated. All persons in the treated site and in adjacent indoor areas are covered by this exposure standard.

After application is completed, worker or applicator exposure must not exceed 0.3 ppm maximum concentration. Such exposures may occur because of leakage into enclosed areas from fumigation sites, during reentry or during transfer of unreacted commodity.

2 APPLICATION OF FUMIGANT

Depending upon temperature and humidity, Detha[®] Tablets and Pellets release hydrogen phosphide gas slowly upon exposure to moisture from the air. This release is often slow enough to permit applicators to deposit fumigant in the desired areas and then vacate the premises without significant exposure to the gas. If the fumigator's exposure exceeds the 8-hour TWA of 0.3 ppm, approved respiratory protection must be worn. Gas concentration measurements for safety purposes must be made using low level detector tubes or other suitable low level detection equipment. See the Industrial Hygiene Monitoring section below. Information on hydrogen phosphide (phosphine, PH₃) detector tubes may be obtained from Research Products Company.

It is often practical to wear approved respiratory protection from start to finish. This is particularly true when performing large space fumigation or after fumigation, for stored commodities in that storage building.

3 LEAKAGE FROM FUMIGATED SITES

Hydrogen phosphide is highly mobile and given enough time may penetrate seemingly gas tight materials such as concrete and masonry. Therefore, adjacent enclosed areas likely to be occupied should be examined to ensure that significant leakage has not occurred. Sealing of the fumigated site and/or airflow in the occupied areas should be used to reduce exposure.

4 AERATION AND REENTRY

If the area is to be entered after fumigation, it must be aerated until the level of hydrogen phosphide gas is 0.3 ppm or below. The area or site must be monitored to ensure that liberation of gas from the treated commodity does not result in the development of unacceptable levels of hydrogen phosphide. Do not allow reentry into treated areas by any person before this time unless protected by an approved respirator.

5 HANDLING UNREADED COMMODITIES

Transfer and processing of a treated commodity prior to complete aeration is permissible. However, workers must not be exposed to hydrogen phosphide in excess of the permitted exposure limits.

6 INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE MONITORING

It is recommended that hydrogen phosphide exposure be documented in an operation log or manual for each site and operation where exposure may occur. The purpose of this monitoring is to prevent excessive exposure and to determine when and where respiratory protection is required. This monitoring is mandatory although once exposures have been adequately characterized, subsequent monitoring is not required, however, spot checks should be made occasionally, especially if conditions significantly change or an unexpected gas odor is detected. Gas concentration measurements should be taken in the workers' breathing zone. Monitoring is not required outdoors.

7 ENGINEERING CONTROLS AND WORK PRACTICES

If initial monitoring shows that workers are exposed to concentrations in excess of the permitted exposure limits, then engineering controls (such as forced air ventilation) and/or appropriate work practices should be used where possible in an attempt to reduce exposure to below permitted limits.

N. STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

1 STORAGE

Flasks should be stored in a dry, well-ventilated area away from heat and under lock and key. Post as a pesticide storage area. Do not contaminate water, food or feed by storing pesticides in the same areas used to store these commodities. Do not store in buildings where humans or domestic animals reside. Keep out of reach of children.

Detha[®] Tablets and Pellets are supplied in gas tight resealable aluminum flasks. Do not expose the product inside flasks to atmospheric moisture any longer than is necessary. Seal tightly before returning opened flasks to storage. The shelf life of Detha[®] is virtually unlimited if the containers are tightly sealed.

Flasks should not be stored at sub-zero temperatures because this will increase the possibility of an ignition (flash) when opened.

2 DISPOSAL OF UNREADED OR PARTIALLY READED TABLETS OR PELLETS

(From spills, leaking flasks or other sources) Unreacted or partially reacted Detha[®] Pellets or Detha[®] Tablets are acutely hazardous. Improper disposal of these products is a violation of federal law. If these products cannot be disposed of by ordinary use or according to the instructions that follow, contact your state pesticide or environmental control agency or the hazardous waste representative at the nearest EPA regional office for guidance. Do not contaminate water by disposal.

Some local and state waste disposal regulations may vary from the following recommendations. Disposal procedures should be reviewed with appropriate authorities to ensure compliance with local regulations.

FOR SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS SEE "SPILL AND LEAK PROCEDURES" ON PAGE 20 OF THIS MANUAL.

3 DISPOSAL OF PELLET OR TABLET DUST FOLLOWING A SPACE FUMIGATION

a General

If properly exposed, the residual dust remaining after a fumigation with Detha[®] will be a grayish white, spent, nonhazardous waste and will contain only a small amount of unreacted aluminum phosphide. However, residual dust from incompletely exposed pellets or tablets (See "EXPOSURE GUIDE" on page 8 of this manual) will require special care. Confinement of partially spent residual dust, as in a closed container, or collection and storage of large quantities of this dust may result in a fire hazard. Small amounts of hydrogen phosphide may be given off from the unreacted aluminum phosphide, and confinement of the gas may result in a flash. UNLESS IT CAN BE DETERMINED WITH CERTAINTY THAT THIS DUST IS SPENT IT MUST BE HELD FOR SEVERAL DAYS BEYOND THE REQUIRED EXPOSURE TIME PRIOR TO DISPOSAL OR THE WET METHOD (SEE BELOW). OF DEACTIVATION MUST BE USED IF THE DUST RETAINS ANY OF ITS GREENISH COLOR. THE WET METHOD IS RECOMMENDED.

b Dry Method

In open areas, small amounts (up to 5 flasks) of residual dust may be disposed of on site by burial or by spreading over the land surface away from inhabited buildings. Up to 3 flasks of this residual dust (4 to 7 lbs.) may be collected in a 5-gallon bucket for holding or disposal. Larger amounts of residual dust may be collected in a porous cloth bag (burlap, cotton, etc.) for holding and/or transportation to a suitable disposal site. Do not put more than one half case (8 flasks of tablets or 10 flasks of pellets) of residual dust in each bag. Always transport these bags in an open vehicle. Do not pre-bags. CAUTION: Do not use this method for dust that still retains some of its original greenish color. Never confine, dispose of or store residual dust in closed containers such as dumpsters, drums or plastic bags.

Spent residual dust from Detha[®] may be collected and disposed of at a sanitary landfill, approved pesticide incinerator or other approved sites or by other procedures approved by federal, state and local authorities.

Do not dispose of dust in a toilet.

c Wet Method

Fill an appropriate sized metal container 2-3 full with water. For each gallon of water add 1-4 cup of low sudsing detergent or surfactant. Use no less than 10 gallons of water-detergent solution for each case of spent material. Slowly pour the dust into the container as the water is stirred. Wear appropriate respiratory protection. DO NOT COVER THE CONTAINER AT ANY TIME. This must be done outdoors or in front of an adequate fan that exhausts immediately outside.

Dispose of the water-dust mixture (slurry) with or without pre-mixing pouring out of excess water in a sanitary landfill or other suitable burial site approved by local authorities. Where permissible, the slurry may be poured out on the ground if it is held 36 hours.

may be poured into a storm sewer

4 DISPOSAL OF EMPTY FLASKS

- a. **Method One** Triple rinse flasks and stoppers with water. Then offer for recycling or reconditioning or puncture and dispose of them in sanitary landfill or other approved site or by other procedures approved by state and local authorities. Dispose of rinsate in a sanitary landfill or by other approved procedures. Small quantities can be poured out on the ground.
- b. **Method Two** Remove lids and place empty flasks outdoors or in structure being fumigated until residue in flasks is reacted. Puncture and dispose of them in a sanitary landfill or other approved site or by other procedures approved by state and local authorities.

O. SPILL AND LEAK PROCEDURES

1. GENERAL

A spill other than incidental to application or normal handling, of concentrated flasks can produce high levels of gas, and therefore attending personnel must wear a SCBA or its equivalent when the concentration of hydrogen phosphide gas is unknown. If the concentration is known, other NIOSH/MSHA approved respiratory protection can be worn. Wear dry cotton or other gloves when handling spilled material.

2. DAMAGE TO EVIDENCE CASE

Check aluminum flasks if they are damaged handle as described on page 21. If they are undamaged return them to cardboard cartons or other suitable packaging which complies with DOT regulations.

3. LEAKING FLASK PROCEDURES

If aluminum flasks have been punctured or damaged causing a leak, the product may be immediately used. The container may be temporarily repaired with aluminum tape or the Delta[®] may be transferred from the damaged flask to a sound metal container which should be sealed and properly labeled as aluminum phosphide. Transport the damaged containers to an area suitable for pesticide storage for inspection. Further instructions and recommendations may be obtained, if required, from Research Products Company.

Handle empty damaged containers as described under DISPOSAL OF EMPTY FLASKS above.

4. SPILL PROCEDURES

Do not turn spillage down drain with water. DO NOT use water if you time to clean up a spill. Water in contact with unreacted tablets or pellets will rapidly accelerate the production of hydrogen phosphide gas and could cause spontaneous ignition of the gas. If the spill is only a few minutes old and is not contaminated by other materials, collect the spillage and place it back into the original flask or other sound metal container and tighten the cap. If possible, use immediately. CAUTION: AN IGNITION MAY OCCUR WHEN THESE CONTAINERS ARE REOPENED.

If the spilled material is contaminated or has begun to visibly decompose, gather it up and place it into open top, perforated gallon cans and process it immediately.

Do not add more than about one flask (2 to 3 lbs.) of spilled material to the bucket. If on site deactivation is not feasible, these open containers should be transported in open vehicles to a suitable area away from occupied buildings. Wet or dry deactivation may then be carried out as described in the section immediately below.

5. DEACTIVATION AND DISPOSAL OF UNREACTED OR PARTIALLY REACTED TABLETS OR PELLETS

a. Wet Method

Transport material by hand or in open vehicles to open area away from occupied structures. Fill a drum 2/3 full with water.

Add 1/4 cup of low sudsing detergent or surfactant in each gallon of water. Each flask of tablets or pellets should be mixed with no less than 1 gallon of water/detergent solution. Slowly pour the material in to the water as it is stirred. Stir occasionally thereafter for at least 16 hours. Wear appropriate respiratory protection. DO NOT COVER THE

CONTAINER. IF THE CONTAINER IS COVERED THE HYDROGEN PHOSPHIDE BEING GENERATED WILL BE CONFINED AND WILL DECOMPOSE EXPLOSIVELY. The wet method of deactivation is the method of choice for quantities in excess of 5 flasks (10 to 15 pounds). It is safe to dispose of this slurry.

Dispose of the resulting deactivated slurry, with or without preliminary pouring out of excess water, at a landfill or other suitable burial site approved by local authorities. Where permissible this slurry may be poured into a storm sewer or cul onto the ground.

b. Dry Method

As an alternative to the wet method, when permissible small amounts (up to 5 flasks) of partially reacted or unreacted material may be spread out in an open, secure area away from occupied buildings to be deactivated by atmospheric moisture.

NOTE: Never place pellets, tablets, their dust or the dust/water slurry in a confined container such as a closed drum or plastic bags. Any hydrogen phosphide generated will be confined and may decompose explosively.