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Subject: METAM SODIUM  
EPA Reg. No. 5481-350  
RED Mitigation Amendment dated September 30, 2009  
EPA Decision Number D432143

Dear Mr. Chart:

The amended label referred to above, submitted in connection with reregistration of metam-sodium under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act as amended is acceptable provided the following label revisions are made and the following conditions are met:

**LABEL REVISIONS**

1. Page 1

- a. Add the phrase "in this label" at the end of the following sentence: A soil fumigant solution for specific crops as listed"
- b. Under "Active Ingredient" revise Inert Ingredients to read as "Other Ingredients".

2. Page 2

- a. please note a company website is listed. Should you wish to add/retain a reference to the company's website on your label, then please be aware that the website becomes labeling under the Federal Insecticide Fungicide and Rodenticide Act and is subject to review by the Agency. If the website is false or misleading, the product would be misbranded and unlawful to sell or distribute under FIFRA section 12(a)(1)(E). 40 CFR 156.10(a)(5) list examples of statements EPA may consider false or misleading. In addition, regardless of whether a website is referenced on your product's label, claims made on the website may not substantially differ from those claims approved through the registration process. Therefore should the Agency find or if it is brought to our attention that a website contains false or misleading statements or claims substantially differing from the EPA approved registration, the website will be referred to the EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. As an alternative, you may refer consumers to the company's phone number or email address.

- b. at bottom of page 2, in the sentence beginning with, “All other handlers,” add the following before the parenthesis, “including handlers operating motorized ground equipment with closed cabs”

3. Page 3

- a. In the bullet under Personal Protective Equipment for Respiratory Protection that specifies “a respirator with a canister approved for pesticides,” please specify “*or canister with any N, R, P or HE prefilter.*”
- b. In the User Safety Requirements section, add the following sentences, “DO NOT transport contaminated clothing inside a closed vehicle. Store in a sealed container as wash or dispose as specified.”
- c. Align “User Safety Recommendations” heading on the left like the other headings on this page
- d. In the Environmental Hazards section, the sentence beginning, “Metam sodium and metam potassium have certain properties...” – the words metam potassium should be removed, and this entire sentence should be a paragraph in this section
- e. The California only language from the previous label, as shown below, must be added: “**California Only:** *Application must be in compliance with Technical Information Bulletin for California entitled, “Metam Sodium Guidelines for All Application Methods in California.” This information bulletin may be obtained from your local pesticide dealer or a Metam Sodium registrant.*”
- f. Remove the following portion of the text in the parentheses in the first paragraph:

“and not separated by a 12-hour interruption.”

This should also be removed from the last paragraph in the Notification section (page 8) and the first paragraph in the Site-Specific Fumigation Management Plans section (on page 28).

- g. In the first paragraph, after the sentence ending with the words, “from the start of application until the entry restricted period ends,” add the following:

(NOTE: persons installing, perforating, removing, repairing, and monitoring tarps are considered handlers for the durations listed below).

4. Page 4

- a. In the Note section of the 8<sup>th</sup> bullet, change “Tarp Perforation and Removal” to “Tarp Perforation and/or Removal”
- b. Revise the title Protection For Handlers to “Supervision of Handlers” on this page and, were applicable throughout the label.

5. Page 5

- a. Remove the following text under the Supervision of Handlers section in sixth

paragraph : *[the registrant provided]* and revise this paragraph to the following:  
“The certified applicator must provide Fumigant Safe Handling information to each handler involved in the application or confirm that each handler participating in the application has received Fumigant Safe Handling information in a manner they can understand within the past twelve months. Fumigant Safe Handling information will be provided where this product is purchased or at [www.epa.gov/fumigantraining](http://www.epa.gov/fumigantraining).”

- b. At the end of the Protection for Handlers section, add the following sentence:  
*“Cartridges or canisters must be replaced when odor or irritation from this product becomes apparent, if the measured concentration of metam sodium is greater than 6000 ppb, or after 8 hours of use, whichever occurs first.”*
- c. In the Respirator Fit Testing, Medical Qualification, and Training section, change the word “ensure” to “verify”
- d. In the Respirator Fit Testing, Medical Qualification, and Training section, add the following sentence to the end of the last bullet: *“Upon request by local/state/federal/tribal enforcement personnel, employers must provide documentation how they have complied with those these requirements.”*
- e. Add the following bullet underneath the second bullet in the Respiratory Protection and Stop Work Triggers Section (this bullet should be indented like the bullets underneath the first bullet): *“During the collection of air samples, an air-purifying respirator must be worn by the handler taking the air samples.”*
- f. Add the following bullet underneath the third bullet in the Respiratory Protection and Stop Work Triggers section: *“When breathing zone samples are required, they must be taken outside respiratory protection equipment and within a ten inch radius of handler’s nose and mouth.”*

6. Page 6

- a. The last bullet in the Respiratory Protection and Stop Work Triggers section, add the word “all” as shown in the following: *“Work activities can resume if all the following conditions exist provided that the appropriate air-purifying respirator is worn.”*

7. Page 7

- a. Remove the following statement from page 7 and add to the Directions for Use section above the California Only requirements: *“Do not apply this product in a way that will contact workers or other persons, either directly or through drift. Only protected handlers may be in the area during application.”*
- b. Place “Agricultural Use Requirements” inside of text box.
- c. In the Agricultural Use Requirements box, the following sentence must be removed: *“It also contains specific instructions and exceptions pertaining to the statements in this label about personal protective equipment (PPE), restricted entry interval and notification of workers.”* It must be replaced by the sentence that was inserted after the first paragraph in that box: *“For entry-restricted period*

and notification requirements, see the *Entry Restricted Period* section of this labeling.”

- d. In the second bullet of the Entry-Restricted Period section, before the comma and word “or,” add the following:

(Note: persons installing, repairing, or monitoring tarps are handlers until 14 days after the application is complete if tarps are not perforated and removed during those 14 days)

- e. In the fourth bullet of the Entry-Restricted Period section, add the word Until to the beginning of the sentence
- f. In the NOTE section of the Entry-Restricted Period section, change “Tarp Perforation and Removal” to “Tarp Perforation and/or Removal”
- g. Under *Notification Requirement*, add an s to the word sign in the first sentence.
- h. Under *Notification Requirement*, place quotes around the language in each of the first three bullets
- i. Remove the words “Brand name of this product” in the sixth bullet, and place quotes around “Metam Sodium”

8. Pages 8 – 28 (GAPs)

- a. Insert an “s” at the end of GAP in the parentheses in the heading Mandatory Good Agricultural Practices
- b. The word “must” must be italicized in the wind speed and weather conditions section of all application methods.
- c. In all application methods, the inversion language must be changed to the following: “Detailed local forecasts for 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.”
- d. In the heading *Soil Condition, Injection Depth and Soil Sealing*, add a comma after Injection depth.
- e. Under *Soil Condition, Injection Depth and Soil Sealing*, in the first bullet, remove the words as part of in the third sentence and replace with the word during.
- f. Under *Soil Condition, Injection Depth and Soil Sealing*, remove the words “For applications:” and begin that paragraph with “The injection point for bedded and broadcast applications....”
- g. Also, in this same sentence add the word shank between broadcast and applications.
- h. In the second sentence remove the words ...or more.....
- i. In the Soil Moisture section of all application methods remove the word help from the third bullet
- j. In the Soil Moisture section of all application methods:
  - indent the bullet that begins, “For fields with more than one soil texture...” and bold the words “**fields with more than one soil texture.**”

- include "(field capacity)" following the term "soil capacity" throughout label
  - change the word "at" to "between" in the phrase "top six inches **between** 60% to 80% soil capacity"
- k. On page 10, under the Application and Equipment Considerations, in the twelfth bullet, change the word "insure" to "ensure"
- l. On page 11, under *Soil Condition, Injection Depth and Soil Sealing*, add the words or tiller to the first sentence before the third bullet so the sentence reads as follows: Apply the product on the soil immediately ahead of the bed-shaping equipment or tiller.
- m. On page 11, under *Soil Condition, Injection Depth and Soil Sealing*, remove the additional period from the end of the sixth bullet.
- n. On page 14, under *Soil Condition, Injection Depth and Soil Sealing*, replace the first sentence before the third bullet with the following sentence: Spray or drip the product mixture on the soil immediately ahead of the bed-shaping equipment or tiller.
- o. In the Wind Speed section of the Center Pivot section, replace the first two bullets with the following:
- For sprinkler or chemigation applications: 1) not using a solid stream type nozzle, OR 2) having a release height or spray height greater than 4 feet, OR 3) having 30 lbs or greater PSI at the sprinkler head, wind speed at the application site must be a minimum of 2 mph at the start of the application or forecasted to reach 5 mph during the application and the maximum wind speed is 10 mph.
  - For sprinkler or chemigation applications using: 1) a solid stream, AND 2) having release height and spray height less than 4 feet, AND 3) having 29 lbs. or less PSI at the sprinkler head, wind speed at the application site must be a minimum of 2 mph at the start of the application or forecasted to reach 5 mph during the application and the maximum wind speed is 25 mph.
- p. On page 16, under Center Pivot Applications, in the second bullet under wind speed, remove the hyphen between height and solid and place between solid and stream.
- q. In the Application and Equipment Considerations sections of the Center Pivot, Solid Set Sprinkler, Drench, Drip, and Flood Basin, Furrow and Border Application sections, make the following changes:
- Change the second bullet (except in Flood Basin, it is the fourth bullet) to "Tanks must be in good condition to ensure product does not spill or leak."
  - In the following bullet (which appears in the above sections except Flood Basin), add "inspection port" as shown: "*The system must contain a functional check valve, vacuum relief valve, inspection port, and low-pressure drain...*"
- r. The Air Temperature section is missing from the Center Pivot; Solid Set

Sprinkler; Drench; and Drip, Flood Basin, Furrow and Border application sections. Add the following directly before the Soil Temperature section in each of these application methods:

*Air Temperature*

- The maximum air temperature is 90 degrees F.

- s. In the Tarps sections of the GAPS, change the word tarpaulins to “tarps.”
- t. Soil conditions sections of; Solid Set Sprinkler; Drench; and Drip, Flood Basin, Furrow and Border application sections, the first bullet must be revised to the following:

“Soil must be in good tilth and free of large clods. Large clods can prevent effective soil sealing and reduce effectiveness of the application. If subsurface soil compaction layers (hardpans) are present within the intended fumigation treatment zone, tillage to fracture these layers must occur. The soil must be tilled prior to the application, at a minimum to the depth of the treatment zone.”
- u. Soil moisture sections of Chemigation; Solid Set Sprinkler; Drench; and Drip, Flood Basin, Furrow and Border application sections, the last bullet must be revised to the following:

“If there is insufficient moisture throughout the top six inches below the surface of soil immediately prior to the application, the soil moisture must be adjusted. If there is adequate soil moisture below six inches, soil moisture can be brought to the surface by tillage prior to the application. To conserve existing soil moisture tillage should be done as close to the time of application as possible.”
- v. Remove the following sentence from the second bullet of the Soil Conditions section under Drench, Drip, and Flood Basin application methods: “Plant residue must be worked into the soil with little or no crop residue present on the soil surface.”

9. Page 28

- a. In the first paragraph of the FMP section, delete the following words from the parenthetical in the first sentence: and not separated by a 12-hour interruption.
- b. Revise the first bullet in the FMP section to the following: Applicator information (name, phone number, pesticide applicator license and/or certificate number, employer name, employer address).

10. Page 29

- a. Under Good Agricultural Practices, the first bullet, remove the following: (registrants may also include optional GAPS)
- b. Following “Description of hazard communication,” insert “e.g.,” right inside the open parenthesis

11. Page 31

- a. the last sentence in the Post-Application Summary section should be bulleted
- b. Replace the crop list with the list attached with these comments (see page 8).

12. Page 32

- a. Remove the greenhouse/handheld equipment/grinder/shredder/open pour prohibitions from this section and move to below the first paragraph in Directions for Use.
- b. Below the General Instructions heading, add the following, which appears in the previously stamped label, "*If fumes become unpleasant during treatment, apply more water to seal the fumes into the soil where they should be confined to achieve maximum fumigation benefit. Use promptly after mixing with water. Do not allow solution to stand.*"
- c. Move the Use Precautions section below the Environmental Hazards section

13. Page 33 - In the Target Pest and Depth of Treatment paragraph, following the sentence that describes how treatment of only the tip 2 to 4 inches of soil may be required, add the following: (see application specific requirements in the Good Agricultural Practices section of this label).

14. Page 34 - remove the entire General Precautions for Irrigation Systems section.

15. Page 35 - remove the following sentence: "Do not apply when wind speed favors drift beyond the area intended for treatment."

16. Page 37

- a. Remove green beans from the list of cover crops
- b. Following the heading "Check Flood (Basin), Furrow and Border," add the following sentences: "Meter VAPAM HL at a steady rate into water during irrigation. Depending on the kind of pest and the treatment depth, use 37.5 to 75 gallons per treated acre in 3 to 18 inches of water per acre. Meter VAPAM HL into the irrigation water at the head of the field at a point with enough turbulence to assure adequate mixing of the product in the water."

17. Page 39

- a. Add the tarp method back to this page for tobacco plants
  - Replace the sentence regarding covering for no less than one day with, "(see the Tarp Perforation and/or Removal section for additional information)."
- b. include rate for drip method in gallons/acre

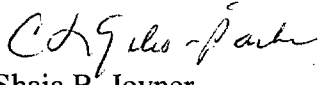
19. Update Storage and Disposal block in accordance with PRN 2007-4

**CONDITIONS**

1. EPA has determined that the risk mitigation measures on the revised label for this product are necessary to adequately protect human health and the environment. Therefore, pursuant to 40 CFR § 152.130(d), EPA has decided that no product bearing previously approved labeling may be sold or distributed (release for shipment) by its registrant after December 1, 2010. Wherever state approval is required for sale or distribution of this product with this new labeling, EPA strongly encourages you to submit an application to the state authority as soon as possible. You should be aware that the Agency does not intend to modify the December 1, 2010, deadline because of any failure to obtain necessary state approvals.
2. One copy of the label stamped "Accepted with Comments" is enclosed for your records. Please submit one copy of the final printed label that incorporates the required change before the product is released for shipment.

If you have any questions, please contact Shaja Joyner by phone at: 703-308-3194 or via email at: [joyner.shaja@epa.gov](mailto:joyner.shaja@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: List of Eligible Crops



### Metam Sodium/Potassium List of Eligible Crops

“Only for use on the following:

Cover crops (i.e., crops planted between periods of regular crop production to prevent soil erosion);  
Crops grown solely for seed;  
as well as (in alphabetical order):

alfalfa; amaranth (including leafy amaranth, Chinese spinach, tampala); anise; apple (including: balsam, crabapple); apricot; artichokes; arugula (rocket); asparagus (nursery production only); barley; basil; beans (including: lima, green, fava, seed beans); beet (including garden);

berry (including black satin berry, blackberry, blueberry, boysenberry, chesterberry, lowberry, wild raspberry, youngberry, darrowberry, dewberry, cloudberry, elderberry, Cherokee blackberry, coryberry, European barberry, huckleberry, hullberry, gooseberry, cranberry, highbush cranberry, Himalayaberry, jostaberry, juneberry, saskatoon berry, lingonberry, loganberry, lavacaberry, lucretiaberry, mammoth blackberry, marionberry, bingleberry, mountain pepper berries, mulberry, olallieberry, dirksen thornless berry, nectarberry, Oregon evergreen berry, partridgeberry, phenomenalberry, rangeberry, raspberry (black and red), ravenberry, riberry, rossberry, schisandra berry, serviceberry, Shawnee blackberry, strawberry)

bok choy; broccoli; brussels sprouts; cabbage (including Napa); calabaza; calamondin; cardoon; carrot; casaba; cauliflower; celeriac; celery (including: Chinese); celtuce; chayote (fruit); che; cherry (including: sweet and tart, chokecherry, pincherry); chervil; cheyenne; Chilean guava; Chinese greens; Chinese okra; Chinese waxgourd (Chinese preserving melon); chinquapin; chironja; chrysanthemum; cilantro; citrus citron; citrus hybrids; collard; corn salad; corn; cotton; cress (including: upland, yellow rocket, winter cress); cucumber (including: Chinese cucumber); cucuzza; currant, (including: black, red, native and other varieties and hybrids);

dandelion; dill; dock (sorrel); eggplant; endive (escarole); fennel, Florence (finochio); forest seedlings; garland; garlic; gherkin; ginger; gourd; grape; grapefruit; hechima; herbs (all); honey balls; honeysuckle; hyotan; kale; kiwifruit (including: fuzzy and hardy); kohlrabi; kumquat; leek; lemon; lettuce (including: head and leaf); lime; loquat; mandarin (including: tangerine and satsuma); mango; mayhaw; maypop;

melon (including: bitter melon, cantaloupe, hybrids and/or cultivars, citron melon, crenshaw melon, golden pershaw melon, mango melon, honeydew melon, muskmelon, Persian melon, pineapple melon, Santa Claus melon, snake melon, watermelon);

mint; muntries; mustard; nectarine; nursery stock (fruit seedlings and rose bushes only); nursery tree crops (including crops like maple, ash, dogwood);

nut (including: almond, beech nut, cashew, chestnut, hickory nut, Brazil nut, macadamia nut (bush nut), filbert (hazelnut), pecan, pistachio, walnut (black and English/Persian);

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onion; orach; orange (including: sour and sweet); ornamentals; parsley; peas (including: English and garden); peach; peanut; pear (including: oriental and balsam); pepper; phalsa; plum (including: Chickasaw and Damson); plumcot; potato; prune (fresh); pummelo; pumpkin; purslane (including: garden and winter); quince;

radicchio (red chicory); radish (including Oriental); rappini; rhubarb; rye; salal; sea buckthorn; soybean; spinach (including: New Zealand, Malabar, Indian); squash, (including: summer, winter, butternut, straightneck, Acorn, crookneck, hubbard, scallop, spaghetti); sugar beet; sweet potato; swiss chard; tangelo; tangor; tobacco; tomatoes; tree nuts (orchard replant only); turf (including golf courses); turnip; vegetable marrow; wheat; yams; zucchini.”

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**RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDE**

Due to acute inhalation toxicity to humans.

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.

# METAM SODIUM

**A SOIL FUMIGANT SOLUTION FOR SPECIFIC CROPS AS LISTED:  
MAY BE APPLIED BY WATER-RUN APPLICATIONS (e.g., CHEMIGATION), SOIL INJECTION OR  
SOIL BEDDING EQUIPMENT TO SUPPRESS AND/OR CONTROL SOIL-BORNE PESTS IN LISTED  
ORNAMENTALS, FOOD AND FIBER CROPS.**

For the control or suppression of Weeds, Diseases and Nematodes. Suppresses and/or Controls Weeds such as Annual Bluegrass, Bermudagrass, Chickweed, Dandelion, Ragweed, Henbit, Lambsquarter, Amaranthus species, Watergrass, Johnsongrass, Nutgrass, Wild Morning Glory and Purslane Nematodes and Symphylids, Soil-borne diseases such as Rhizoctonia, Pythium, Phytophthora, Verticillium, Sclerotinia, Oak Root Fungus and Club Root of Crucifers.

**ACTIVE INGREDIENT:**

Sodium methyldithiocarbamate (anhydrous)\* ..... 32.7%

**INERT INGREDIENTS:** ..... 67.3%

**TOTAL:** ..... 100.0%

\*Contains 3.18 lbs. METAM SODIUM per gallon

**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN**

**DANGER — PELIGRO**

Si usted no entiende la etiqueta, busque a alguien para que se la explique a usted en detalle.  
(If you do not understand the label, find someone to explain it to you in detail).

FIRST AID	
<b>If on skin or clothing:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take off contaminated clothing.</li> <li>Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes.</li> <li>Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.</li> </ul>
<b>If in eyes:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes.</li> <li>Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye.</li> <li>Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.</li> </ul>
<b>If inhaled:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Move person to fresh air.</li> <li>If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth if possible.</li> <li>Call a poison control center or doctor for further treatment advice.</li> </ul>
<b>If swallowed:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call a poison control center or doctor immediately for treatment advice.</li> <li>Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow.</li> <li>Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by a poison control center or doctor.</li> <li>Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.</li> </ul>
EMERGENCY INFORMATION	
Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor, or going for treatment. FOR THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCIES, PHONE 24 HOURS A DAY:	
Transportation: CHEMTREC.....	1-800-424-9300
Other: AMVAC.....	1-323-264-3910

SEE SIDE/BACK PANEL FOR ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS AND DIRECTIONS FOR USE.

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**PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS**

**HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS**

**DANGER: Corrosive.** Causes skin damage. May be fatal if absorbed through the skin. Do not get on skin or clothing. Prolonged or frequently repeated skin contact may cause allergic reactions in some individuals. Harmful if swallowed. Harmful if inhaled. Irritating to eyes, nose and throat. Avoid breathing vapor or spray mist. Irritating to eyes. Do not get in eyes.

**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)**

Some materials that are chemical-resistant to this product are barrier laminate or viton ≥ 14 mils. For more options, follow the instructions for category H on an EPA chemical-resistance category selection chart.

Handlers applying via weed sprayer while irrigation sprinklers are running or handlers who may be exposed to liquid spray while repairing a malfunctioning chemigation system or shutting off equipment must wear:

- Chemical-resistant coveralls over long-sleeve shirt and long pants,
- Chemical-resistant gloves,
- Chemical-resistant footwear plus socks,
- Chemical-resistant headgear,
- Protective eyewear, and
- Respirator of the type specified in the respiratory protection section in the PPE requirements on this label.

Handlers wearing chemical-resistant attire are limited to 30 minutes of exposure in any 60-minute period to prevent heat illness, and, as required by the Worker Protection Standard for Agricultural Pesticides, employers of these handlers must take any necessary steps to avoid heat illness.

Except as required above, handlers transferring or loading liquid formulations, handlers operating motorized ground equipment with open cabs, handlers repairing or inactivating irrigation or chemigation equipment during application, and handlers cleaning up spills or equipment must wear:

- Coveralls over long-sleeve shirt and long pants,
- Chemical-resistant gloves,
- Chemical-resistant footwear plus socks,
- Chemical-resistant apron if transferring or loading the fumigant or cleaning up spills or equipment,
- Protective eyewear, and
- Respirator of the type specified in the PPE requirements for respiratory protection section in the PPE requirements on this label if triggered.

All other handlers (except for fumigant handlers who set up and calibrate chemigation and irrigation equipment and start the application from inside the application block) as stated in this labeling must wear:

- Long-sleeve shirt and long pants,
- Shoes plus socks, and
- Respirator of the type specified in the eye and respiratory protection section in the PPE requirements on this label if triggered.

All handlers who set-up and calibrate chemigation and irrigation equipment and start the application from inside the application block must wear:

- Long-sleeve shirt and long pants,

- Shoes plus socks,
- Protective eyewear, and
- Respirator of the type specified in the respiratory protection section in the PPE requirements on this label if triggered.

**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) FOR RESPIRATORY PROTECTION**

When respiratory protection is required, in lieu of protective eyewear, handlers must wear:

- At least a NIOSH-approved full-face, or helmet/hood style respirator with either:
  - An organic-vapor removing cartridge with a pre-filter approved for pesticides (NIOSH approval number prefix TC-23C), or
  - A respirator with a canister approved for pesticides (NIOSH approval number prefix TC-14G).

**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.

**Users-Safety Recommendations**

**Users should:**

- Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco, or using the toilet.
- Remove clothing 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, birds, aquatic invertebrates and fish. Do not apply directly to water, 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 wash waters or rinsate.

Metam sodium and metam potassium have certain properties and characteristics in common with chemicals that have been detected in groundwater (highly soluble in water and has low adsorption to soil).

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

**DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling. Do not apply this product through any irrigation system unless the chemigation instructions on this label are followed. Do not apply this product in a way that will contact workers or other persons, either directly or through drift. Only protected handlers may be in the area during application. For any requirements specific to your State or Tribe, consult the agency responsible for pesticide regulation.

The following activities are prohibited from being performed in the fumigant application block (i.e., the field or portion of a field treated with a fumigant in any 24-hour period or, for center pivot applications which occur over many days, the total acres of a field treated and not separated by a 12-hour interruption) by anyone other than persons who have been appropriately trained and equipped as handlers in accordance with the requirements in the Worker Protection Standard (40 CFR Part 170), from the start of the application until the entry-restricted period ends. Those activities include those persons:

- Participating in the application as supervisors, loaders, drivers, tractor co-pilots, shovelers, cross ditchers, or as other direct application participants (the application starts when the fumigant is first introduced into the soil and ends after the fumigant has stopped being delivered/dispensed to the soil);
- Using devices to take air samples to monitor fumigant air concentrations;

- Persons cleaning up fumigant spills (this does not include emergency personnel not associated with the fumigation application);
- Handling or disposing of fumigant containers;
- Cleaning, handling, adjusting, or repairing the parts of fumigation equipment that may contain fumigant residues;
- Installing, repairing, operating, or removing irrigation equipment in the application block;
- Entering the application site to perform scouting, crop advising, or monitoring tasks;
- Installing, perforating (cutting, punching, slicing, poking), removing, repairing, or monitoring tarps:
  - until 14 days after application is complete if tarps are not perforated and removed during those 14 days, or
  - until tarp removal is complete if tarps are **both** perforated **and** removed less than 14 days after application; or
  - until 48 hours after tarps perforation is complete if they will not be removed within 14 days after application.

NOTE: See Tarp Perforation and Removal section on this labeling for requirements about when tarps are allowed to be perforated.

- Performing any handling tasks as defined by the Worker Protection Standard.
- In addition to the above, persons outside the perimeter of the application block who visually monitor application equipment to ensure proper functioning and monitor fumigant air concentrations in accordance with the fumigant site monitoring requirement must also be trained and equipped as handlers in accordance with the requirements in the Worker Protection Standard (40 CFR Part 170).

**PROTECTION FOR HANDLERS**

For all applications except water run: from the start of the application until the fumigant has stopped being delivered/dispensed into the soil, i.e., after the soil is sealed, the certified applicator must be at the fumigation site in the line of sight of the application and must directly supervise all persons performing handling activities.

For all water-run applications (e.g., sprinkler/chemigation, wheel line, center pivot, lateral move, drip, flood, etc.), the certified applicator must be at the fumigation site in the line of sight of the application to start the application including set-up, calibration, and initiation of the application. The certified applicator may leave the site but must return at least every two hours to visually inspect the equipment to ensure proper functioning and must directly supervise all Worker Protection Standard-trained handlers on-site until the fumigation has stopped being delivered/dispersed into the soil. Worker Protection Standard-trained handlers may perform the monitoring functions in place of the certified applicator but must be under the supervision of the certified applicator and able to communicate with the certified applicator at all times during monitoring activities via cell phone or other means. The results of monitoring activities must be captured in the Fumigation Management Plan (FMP).

For handling activities that take place after the fumigant has been delivered/dispensed into the soil until the entry restricted period expires, the certified applicator does not have to be on-site, but must have communicated, in a manner that can be understood by the site owner/operator and handlers responsible for carrying out those activities, the information necessary to comply with the label and procedures described in the FMP (e.g., emergency response plans and procedures).

The results of communication activities must be captured in the FMP.

**IMPORTANT:** This requirement does not override the requirements in the Worker Protection Standard for Agricultural Pesticides for information exchange between owners/operators of agricultural establishments and commercial pesticide applicators.

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The certified applicator must provide *[the registrant provided]* fumigant safe handling information to each handler involved in the application or confirm that each handler participating in the application has received fumigant safe handling information in the past 12 months.

The certified applicator supervising the application and the owner/operator of the establishment where the fumigation 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 defined in this labeling are excluded from application block during the entry restricted period.

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

At least one handler must have the appropriate respirator and cartridges available, and they must be fit-tested, trained, and medically examined.

The fumigation handler employer must confirm and document in the FMP 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.

This must be documented in the FMP.

#### **RESPIRATOR FIT TESTING, MEDICAL QUALIFICATION, AND TRAINING**

Employers must ensure that any handler that uses a respirator is:

- Fit-tested and fit-checked using a program that conforms to OSHA's requirements (see 29 CFR Part 1910.134);
- Trained using a program that conforms to OSHA's requirements (see 29 CFR Part 1910.134);
- 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 conditions (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.

#### **RESPIRATORY PROTECTION AND STOP WORK TRIGGERS**

The following procedures must be followed to determine whether an air-purifying respirator is required or if operations must cease for any person performing a handling task as defined in this labeling.

- If at any time any handler experiences sensory irritation (tearing, burning of the eyes or nose) then either:
  - An air-purifying respirator must be worn by all handlers who remain in the application block, or
  - Operations must cease and handlers not wearing an air-purifying respirator must leave the application block.
- Handlers can remove respirators or resume operations if two consecutive breathing-zone samples taken at the handling site at least 15 minutes apart show that levels of MITC have decreased to less than 600 ppb, provided that handlers do not experience sensory irritation. Samples must be taken where the irritation is first experienced.
- When using monitoring devices to monitor air concentration levels, a direct reading detection device, such as a Draeger or Sensidyne device must be used. The devices must have a sensitivity of at least 600 ppb for MITC.
- When respirators are worn, then 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 any sensory irritation when wearing an air-purifying respirator, or (2) an air sample is greater than or equal to 6,000 ppb, then all handler activities must cease and handlers must be removed from the application block. If operations cease, the emergency plan detailed in the FMP must be implemented.
- Handlers can resume work activities without respiratory protection, if two consecutive breathing zone samples taken at the handling site at least 15 minutes apart show levels of MITC have decreased to less than 600 ppb, provided that handlers do not experience sensory irritation. During the collection of air samples an air-purifying respirator must be worn by the handler taking the air samples. Samples must be taken where the irritation is experienced.
- Work activities can resume if the following conditions exist provided that the appropriate air-purifying respirator is worn:
  - Two consecutive breathing zone samples for MITC taken at the handling site at least 15 minutes apart must be less than 6,000 ppb,
  - Handlers do not experience sensory irritation while wearing the air-purifying respirator, and
  - Cartridges have been changed.
  - During the collection of air samples an air-purifying respirator must be worn by the handler taking the air samples. Samples must be taken where the irritation is first experienced.

### TARP PERFORATION AND/OR REMOVAL

**IMPORTANT:** Persons perforating, repairing, removing, and/or monitoring tarps are defined, within certain time limitations, as handlers (see definition of fumigant handlers in this labeling) and must be provided the PPE and other protections for handlers as required on this labeling and in the Worker Protection Standard for Agricultural Pesticides.

- Tarps must not be perforated until a minimum of 5 days (120 hours) have elapsed after the fumigant injection into the soil is complete (e.g., after injection of the fumigant product and tarps have been laid or after drip lines have been purged and tarps have been laid), unless a weather condition exists which necessitates the need for early perforation or removal. See *Early Tarp Removal for Broadcast Applications Only* and *Early Tarp Perforation for Flood Prevention Activities* sections.
- If tarps will be removed before planting, tarp removal must not begin until at least 2 hours after tarp perforation is complete.
- If tarps will not be removed before planting, planting or transplanting must not begin until at least 48 hours after the tarp perforation is complete.
- If tarps are left intact for a minimum of 14 days after fumigant injection into the soil is complete, planting or transplanting may take place while the tarps are being perforated.
- Each tarp panel used for broadcast fumigation must be perforated.
- Tarps used for fumigations may be perforated manually **ONLY** for the following situations:
  - At the beginning of each row where a coulter blade (or other device which performs similarly) is used on a motorized vehicle such as an ATV;
  - In fields that are 1 acre or less; or
  - During flood prevention activities.
- In all other instances tarps must be perforated (cut, punched, poked or sliced) only by mechanical methods.
- Tarp perforation for broadcast fumigations must be completed before noon.
- For broadcast fumigations, tarps must not be perforated if rainfall is expected within 12 hours.
- **Early Tarp Removal for Broadcast Applications Only:**
  - Tarps 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.



- If tarps are removed before the required 5 days have elapsed due to adverse weather, the events must be documented in the post-fumigation summary section of the FMP.
- Early Tarp Perforation for Flood Prevention Activities:
  - Tarp perforation is allowed before the 5 days (120 hours) have elapsed if rain necessitates field drainage.
  - Tarps must be immediately retucked and packed after soil removal.

Do not apply this product in a way that will contact workers or other persons, either directly or through drift. Only protected handlers may be in the area during application.

**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 handlers of agricultural pesticides. It contains requirements for training, decontamination, notification, and emergency assistance. It also contains specific instructions and exceptions pertaining to the statements in this labeling about personal protective equipment, restricted-entry intervals, and notifications to workers. The requirements in this box only apply to uses of this product that are covered by the Worker Protection Standard (WPS).

For entry-restricted period and notification requirements, see the *Entry Restricted Period* section of this labeling.

**ENTRY-RESTRICTED PERIOD**

Entry (including early entry that would otherwise be permitted under the Worker Protection Standard) by any person – other than a correctly trained and PPE-equipped handler who is performing a handling task listed on this labeling – is **PROHIBITED** from the start of the application until:

- 5 days (120 hours) after the application is complete for untarped applications, or
- 5 days (120 hours) after application is complete if tarps are not perforated and removed for at least 14 days following application, or
- 48 hours after tarp perforation is complete if they will not be removed for at least 14 days following application, or
- Tarp removal is completed if tarps are both perforated and removed less than 14 days after application.

**NOTE:** See *Tarp Perforation and Removal* section on this labeling for requirements about when tarps are allowed to be perforated.

**NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT**

Notify workers of the application by warning them orally and by posting Fumigant Treated Area sign. The signs must bear the skull and crossbones symbol and state:

- DANGER/PELIGRO,
- Area under fumigation, DO NOT ENTER/NO ENTRE,
- Metam Sodium Fumigant in Use,
- The date and time of fumigation,
- The date and time the entry restricted period is lifted,
- Brand name of this product (METAM SODIUM), and
- Name, address, and telephone number of the certified applicator in charge of the fumigation.

Post the Fumigant Treated Area sign instead of the Worker Protection Standard sign for this application but follow all Worker Protection Standard requirements pertaining to location, legibility, size, and timing of posting and removal.

Post the Fumigant Treated Area signs at all entrances to the application block (i.e., the field or portion of a field treated with a fumigant in any 24-hour period or, for center pivot applications which occur over many days, the total acres of a field treated and not separated by a 12-hour interruption.

### **MANDATORY GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES (GAP)**

The following GAPs must be followed during all fumigant applications. All measurements and other documentation planned to ensure that the mandatory GAPs are achieved must be recorded in the FMP and/or the post-application summary report.

#### **Shank Applications**

##### *Wind Speed*

- Wind speed at the application site must be a minimum of 2 mph at the start of the application or forecasted to reach at least 5 mph during the application.

##### *Weather Conditions*

- Prior to fumigation, the weather forecast for the day of the application and the 48-hour period following the fumigation must be checked to determine if unfavorable weather conditions exist or are predicted (see *Identifying Unfavorable Weather Conditions* section) and whether fumigation should proceed.
- Do not apply if a shallow, compressed (low-level) temperature inversion is forecast to persist for more than 18 consecutive hours for the 48-hour period after the start of application, or if there is an air-stagnation advisory issued by the National Weather Service in effect for the area which the fumigation is planned.
- Detailed local forecasts for weather conditions, wind speed, and air stagnation advisories may be obtained online at <http://www.nws.noaa.gov>. For further guidance, contact your local National Weather Service Forecasting Office.

##### *Identifying Unfavorable Weather Conditions*

- Unfavorable weather conditions block upward movement of air, which results in trapping fumigant vapors near the ground. The resulting air mass can move off-site in unpredictable directions. These conditions typically exist prior to sunset and continue past sunrise and persist as late as noontime. Unfavorable conditions are common on nights with limited cloud cover and light to no wind, and their presence can be indicated by ground fog or smog and can also be identified by smoke from a ground source that flattens out below a ceiling layer and moves laterally in a concentrated cloud.

##### *Soil Conditions, Injection Depth and Soil Sealing*

- Soil must be in good tilth and free of large clods. Large clods can prevent effective soil sealing and reduce effectiveness of the application. If subsurface soil compaction layers (hardpans) are present within the intended fumigation treatment zone, a deep tillage to fracture these layers must occur prior to or as part of the soil fumigant application. The soil must be tilled, at minimum to the depth of the treatment zone.
- Plant residue that is present must not interfere with the application or the soil seal. Non-decomposed plant material may harbor pests that will not be controlled by fumigation. Crop residue that is present must lie flat to permit the soil to be sealed effectively and limit the natural “chimneys” that may occur in the soil when plant 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 limits the efficacy of the fumigant. Plant residue on the field serves to prevent soil erosion from both wind and water.

For applications: The injection point for bedded and broadcast applications shall be a minimum of 3 inches from the final soil/air interface. Chisel traces must be eliminated following an application and the soil surface must be sealed immediately after application using one or more of the following methods:

- Compaction with a bed-shaper, roller, press wheel or by similar device, OR

- Covering the treated soil with 3-6 inches of untreated soil, OR
- Applying a minimum of a ½-inch of water beginning immediately after application of a set and completing the water treatment within four hours, OR
- Covering treated area with a tarp.

*Tarps*

- When tarps are used for emission control, tarps must be installed immediately after application.
- When tarps are used, a written tarp plan must be developed and included in the FMP that includes:
  - Schedule and procedures for checking tarpaulins for damage, tears, and other problems,
  - Plans for determining when and how repairs to tarp will be made, and by whom,
  - Minimum time following injection that tarp will be repaired,
  - Minimum size of damage that will be repaired,
  - Other factors used to determine when tarp repair will be conducted,
  - Schedule, equipment and methods used to cut tarp,
  - Aeration plans and procedures following cutting and/or slitting prior to tarp removal or planting, and
  - Schedule, equipment, and procedures for tarp removal.

*Soil Temperature*

- At the beginning of the application, the maximum soil temperature at the injection depth is 90°F.
- If air temperatures have been above 100°F in any of the three days prior to application, then soil temperature must be measured and recorded in the FMP.

*Soil Moisture*

- The soil moisture in the top six inches of soil must be at 60% to 80% of soil capacity immediately prior to the application, subject to the exception below.
- EXCEPTION: In areas where soil moisture must exceed field capacity to form a bed (e.g. certain regions in Florida), soil capacity may exceed the 80% allocated above.
- If appropriate measuring equipment is not used to determine whether the soil moisture in the top six inches of soil is at 60% to 80% of soil capacity immediately prior to the application, the USDA *Feel Method* test may be used to help estimate whether the 60% to 80% soil capacity requirement is met:
  - **coarse** textured soils (fine sand and loamy fine sand): there must be enough moisture (50-75% available soil water moisture) to form a weak ball with loose and clustered sand grains on fingers, darkened color, moderate water staining on fingers, will not ribbon.
  - **moderately coarse** textured soils (sandy loam and fine sandy loam): there must be enough moisture (50-75% available soil water moisture) to form a ball with defined finger marks, very light soil/water staining on fingers, darkened color, will not stick.
  - **medium** textured soils (sandy clay loam, loam, and silt loam): there must be enough moisture (50-75% available soil water moisture) to form a ball, very light staining on fingers, darkened color, pliable and forms a weak ribbon between the thumb and forefinger.
  - **fine** textured soils (clay, clay loam, and silty clay loam): there must be enough moisture (50-75% available soil water moisture) to form a smooth ball with defined finger marks, light soil/water staining on fingers, ribbons 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. The field may 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 and/or local experience 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 or soil conservation service specialist or pest control advisor (agriculture consultant) should be consulted for assistance.

- If there is insufficient moisture throughout the top six inches of soil immediately prior to the application, the soil moisture must be adjusted. If there is adequate soil moisture below six inches, soil moisture can be brought to the surface by tillage before or during injection. To conserve soil moisture, tillage should be done as close to the time of application as possible.

*Application and Equipment Considerations*

- Do not apply or allow fumigant to drain or drip onto the soil surface. Injectors must be placed below the soil surface before product flow begins. 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.
- Application equipment must be in good working order.
- All tanks, hoses, fittings, valves and connections must be serviceable, tightened, sealed and not leaking.
- Dry connect fittings (closed transfer system) must be installed on all tanks and transfer hoses.
- Sight gauges and pressure gauges must be working.
- Nozzles and metering devices must be the correct size and sealed and unobstructed.
- Use only tanks, hoses and fittings designed to withstand the pressure of the system and resistant to metam.
- Each nozzle must be equipped with a flow monitor, e.g. mechanical, electronic, or Red-ball type monitor.
- For undiluted product, aluminum, brass, copper, galvanized iron, and zinc materials cannot be used.
- All rigs must include a filter to remove any particulates from the fumigant, and a check valve that is visible to the tractor pilot during application to prevent backflow of the fumigant into the pressurizing cylinder.
- All rigs must include a flow meter or a flow monitoring device.
- All rigs must have a constant pressure system with orifice plates to insure the proper amount of fumigant is applied.
- Valves, vacuum relief valves, and low pressure drains must be in place, operational, and leak free.
- Interlocking controls must be installed and functioning.
- Use only positive displacement pumps. Do NOT use impellers made of brass, aluminum, or galvanized material.
- 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.

## Spray Blade Applications (includes bed-top blade and soil cap applications)

### Wind Speed

- Wind speed at the application site must be a minimum of 2 mph at the start of the application or forecasted to reach at least 5 mph during the application.

### Weather Conditions

- Prior to fumigation, the weather forecast for the day of the application and the 48-hour period following the fumigation must be checked to determine if unfavorable weather conditions exist or are predicted (see *Identifying Unfavorable Weather Conditions* section) and whether fumigation should proceed.
- Do not apply if a shallow, compressed (low-level) temperature inversion is forecast to persist for more than 18 consecutive hours for the 48-hour period after the start of application, or if there is an air-stagnation advisory issued by the National Weather Service in effect for the area which the fumigation is planned.
- Detailed local forecasts for weather conditions, wind speed, and air stagnation advisories may be obtained online at <http://www.nws.noaa.gov>. For further guidance, contact your local National Weather Service Forecasting Office.

### Identifying Unfavorable Weather Conditions

- Unfavorable weather conditions block upward movement of air, which results in trapping fumigant vapors near the ground. The resulting air mass can move off-site in unpredictable directions. These conditions typically exist prior to sunset and continue past sunrise and persist as late as noontime. Unfavorable conditions are common on nights with limited cloud cover and light to no wind, and their presence can be indicated by ground fog or smog and can also be identified by smoke from a ground source that flattens out below a ceiling layer and moves laterally in a concentrated cloud.

### Soil Conditions, Injection Depth and Soil Sealing

- Soil must be in good tilth and free of large clods. Large clods can prevent effective soil sealing and reduce effectiveness of the application. If subsurface soil compaction layers (hardpans) are present within the intended fumigation treatment zone, a deep tillage to fracture these layers must occur prior to or as part of the soil fumigant application. The soil must be tilled, at minimum to the depth of the treatment zone.
- Plant residue that is present must not interfere with the application or the soil seal. Non-decomposed plant material may harbor pests that will not be controlled by fumigation. Crop residue that is present must lie flat to permit the soil to be sealed effectively and limit the natural “chimneys” that may occur in the soil when plant 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 limits the efficacy of the fumigant. Plant residue on the field serves to prevent soil erosion from both wind and water.

Apply the product on the soil immediately ahead of the bed-shaping equipment. The soil surface must be compacted immediately after application using one or more of the following methods:

- Compaction with a bed-shaper, roller, press wheel or similar device, OR
- Covering the treated soil with 3-6 inches of untreated soil, OR
- Applying a minimum of a ½-inch of water beginning immediately after application of a set and completing the water treatment within four hours, OR
- Covering treated area with a tarp..

### Tarps

- When tarps are used for emission control, tarps must be installed immediately after application.
- When tarps are used, a written tarp plan must be developed and included in the FMP that includes:
  - Schedule and procedures for checking tarpaulins for damage, tears, and other problems,
  - Plans for determining when and how repairs to tarp will be made, and by whom,

- Minimum time following injection that tarp will be repaired,
- Minimum size of damage that will be repaired,
- Other factors used to determine when tarp repair will be conducted,
- Schedule, equipment and methods used to cut tarp,
- Aeration plans and procedures following cutting and/or slitting prior to tarp removal or planting, and
- Schedule, equipment, and procedures for tarp removal.

#### *Soil Temperature*

- At the beginning of the application, the maximum soil temperature at the injection depth is 90°F.
- If air temperatures have been above 100°F in any of the three days prior to application, then soil temperature must be measured and recorded in the FMP.

#### *Soil Moisture*

- The soil moisture in the top six inches of soil must be at 60% to 80% of soil capacity immediately prior to the application, subject to the exception below.
- **EXCEPTION:** In areas where soil moisture must exceed field capacity to form a bed (e.g. certain regions in Florida), soil capacity may exceed the 80% allocated above.
- If appropriate measuring equipment is not used to determine whether the soil moisture in the top six inches of soil is at 60% to 80% of soil capacity immediately prior to the application, the USDA *Feel Method* test may be used to help estimate whether the 60% to 80% soil capacity requirement is met:
  - **coarse** textured soils (fine sand and loamy fine sand): there must be enough moisture (50-75% available soil water moisture) to form a weak ball with loose and clustered sand grains on fingers, darkened color, moderate water staining on fingers, will not ribbon.
  - **moderately coarse** textured soils (sandy loam and fine sandy loam): there must be enough moisture (50-75% available soil water moisture) to form a ball with defined finger marks, very light soil/water staining on fingers, darkened color, will not stick.
  - **medium** textured soils (sandy clay loam, loam, and silt loam): there must be enough moisture (50-75% available soil water moisture) to form a ball, very light staining on fingers, darkened color, pliable and forms a weak ribbon between the thumb and forefinger.
  - **fine** textured soils (clay, clay loam, and silty clay loam): there must be enough moisture (50-75% available soil water moisture) to form a smooth ball with defined finger marks, light soil/water staining on fingers, ribbons 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. The field may 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 and/or local experience 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 or soil conservation service specialist or pest control advisor (agriculture consultant) should be consulted for assistance.
- If there is insufficient moisture throughout the top six inches of soil immediately prior to the application, the soil moisture must be adjusted. If there is adequate soil moisture below six inches, soil moisture can be brought to the surface by tillage before or during injection. To conserve soil moisture, tillage should be done as close to the time of application as possible.

#### *Application and Equipment Considerations*

- Do not apply or allow fumigant to drain or drip onto the soil surface.
- Application equipment must be in good working order.
- All tanks, hoses, fittings, valves and connections must be serviceable, tightened, sealed and not leaking.

- Dry connect fittings (closed transfer system) must be installed on all tanks and transfer hoses.
- Sight gauges and pressure gauges must be working.
- Nozzles and metering devices must be the correct size and sealed and unobstructed.
- Use only tanks, hoses and fittings designed to withstand the pressure of the system and resistant to metam.
- Each nozzle must be equipped with a flow monitor, e.g. mechanical, electronic, or Red-ball type monitor.
- For undiluted product, aluminum, brass, copper, galvanized iron, and zinc materials cannot be used.
- All rigs must include a filter to remove any particulates from the fumigant, and a check valve that is visible to the tractor pilot during application to prevent backflow of the fumigant into the pressurizing cylinder.
- 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.

**Rotary Tiller Applications**

*Wind Speed*

- Wind speed at the application site must be a minimum of 2 mph at the start of the application or forecasted to reach at least 5 mph during the application.

*Weather Conditions*

- Prior to fumigation, the weather forecast for the day of the application and the 48-hour period following the fumigation must be checked to determine if unfavorable weather conditions exist or are predicted (see *Identifying Unfavorable Weather Conditions* section) and whether fumigation should proceed.
- Do not apply if a shallow, compressed (low-level) temperature inversion is forecast to persist for more than 18 consecutive hours for the 48-hour period after the start of application, or if there is an air-stagnation advisory issued by the National Weather Service in effect for the area which the fumigation is planned.
- Detailed local forecasts for weather conditions, wind speed, and air stagnation advisories may be obtained online at <http://www.nws.noaa.gov>. For further guidance, contact your local National Weather Service Forecasting Office.

*Identifying Unfavorable Weather Conditions*

- Unfavorable weather conditions block upward movement of air, which results in trapping fumigant vapors near the ground. The resulting air mass can move off-site in unpredictable directions. These conditions typically exist prior to sunset and continue past sunrise and persist as late as noontime. Unfavorable conditions are common on nights with limited cloud cover and light to no wind, and their presence can be indicated by ground fog or smog and can also be identified by smoke from a ground source that flattens out below a ceiling layer and moves laterally in a concentrated cloud.

### *Soil Conditions, Injection Depth and Soil Sealing*

- Soil must be in good tilth and free of large clods. Large clods can prevent effective soil sealing and reduce effectiveness of the application. If subsurface soil compaction layers (hardpans) are present within the intended fumigation treatment zone, a deep tillage to fracture these layers must occur prior to or as part of the soil fumigant application. The soil must be tilled, at minimum to the depth of the treatment zone.
- Plant residue that is present must not interfere with the application or the soil seal. Non-decomposed plant material may harbor pests that will not be controlled by fumigation. Crop residue that is present must lie flat to permit the soil to be sealed effectively and limit the natural "chimneys" that may occur in the soil when plant 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 limits the efficacy of the fumigant. Plant residue on the field serves to prevent soil erosion from both wind and water.

Apply the product on the soil immediately ahead of the tiller. The soil surface must be compacted immediately after application using one or more of the following methods:

- Compaction with a bed-shaper, roller, press wheel or similar device, OR
- Covering the treated soil with 3-6 inches of untreated soil, OR
- Applying a minimum of a ½-inch of water beginning immediately after application of a set and completing the water treatment within four hours, OR
- Covering treated area with a tarp.

### *Tarps*

- When tarps are used for emission control, tarps must be installed immediately after application.
- When tarps are used, a written tarp plan must be developed and included in the FMP that includes:
  - Schedule and procedures for checking tarpaulins for damage, tears, and other problems,
  - Plans for determining when and how repairs to tarp will be made, and by whom,
  - Minimum time following injection that tarp will be repaired,
  - Minimum size of damage that will be repaired,
  - Other factors used to determine when tarp repair will be conducted,
  - Schedule, equipment and methods used to cut tarp,
  - Aeration plans and procedures following cutting and/or slitting prior to tarp removal or planting, and
  - Schedule, equipment, and procedures for tarp removal.

### *Soil Temperature*

- At the beginning of the application, the maximum soil temperature at the injection depth is 90°F.
- If air temperatures have been above 100°F in any of the three days prior to application, then soil temperature must be measured and recorded in the FMP.

### *Soil Moisture*

- The soil moisture in the top six inches of soil must be at 60% to 80% of soil capacity immediately prior to the application, subject to the exception below.
- EXCEPTION: In areas where soil moisture must exceed field capacity to form a bed (e.g. certain regions in Florida), soil capacity may exceed the 80% allocated above.
- If appropriate measuring equipment is not used to determine whether the soil moisture in the top six inches of soil is at 60% to 80% of soil capacity immediately prior to the application, the USDA *Feel Method* test may be used to help estimate whether the 60% to 80% soil capacity requirement is met:
  - **coarse** textured soils (fine sand and loamy fine sand): there must be enough moisture (50-75% available soil water moisture) to form a weak ball with loose and clustered sand grains on fingers, darkened color, moderate water staining on fingers, will not ribbon.



- **moderately coarse** textured soils (sandy loam and fine sandy loam): there must be enough moisture (50-75% available soil water moisture) to form a ball with defined finger marks, very light soil/water staining on fingers, darkened color, will not stick.
- **medium** textured soils (sandy clay loam, loam, and silt loam): there must be enough moisture (50-75% available soil water moisture) to form a ball, very light staining on fingers, darkened color, pliable and forms a weak ribbon between the thumb and forefinger.
- **fine** textured soils (clay, clay loam, and silty clay loam): there must be enough moisture (50-75% available soil water moisture) to form a smooth ball with defined finger marks, light soil/water staining on fingers, ribbons 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. The field may 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 and/or local experience 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 or soil conservation service specialist or pest control advisor (agriculture consultant) should be consulted for assistance.
- If there is insufficient moisture throughout the top six inches of soil immediately prior to the application, the soil moisture must be adjusted. If there is adequate soil moisture below six inches, soil moisture can be brought to the surface by tillage before or during injection. To conserve soil moisture, tillage should be done as close to the time of application as possible.

*Application and Equipment Considerations*

- Do not apply or allow fumigant to drain or drip onto the soil surface.
- Dry connect fittings (closed transfer system) must be installed on all tanks and transfer hoses.
- Application equipment must be in good working order.
- All tanks, hoses, fittings, valves and connections must be serviceable, tightened, sealed and not leaking.
- Sight gauges and pressure gauges must be working.
- Nozzles and metering devices must be the correct size and sealed and unobstructed.
- Use only tanks, hoses and fittings designed to withstand the pressure of the system and resistant to metam.
- Each nozzle must be equipped with a flow monitor, e.g. mechanical, electronic, or Red-ball type monitor.
- For undiluted product, aluminum, brass, copper, galvanized iron, and zinc materials cannot be used.
- All rigs must include a filter to remove any particulates from the fumigant, and a check valve that is visible to the tractor pilot during application to prevent backflow of the fumigant into the pressurizing cylinder.
- 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.

## Center Pivot Applications

### *Wind Speed*

- For mid-release, high-release and end-gun sprinkler or chemigation applications as defined by U.S. EPA, wind speed at the application site must be a minimum of 2 mph at the start of the application or forecasted to reach at least 5 mph during the application and the maximum wind speed is 10 mph.
- For low-release height-solid stream sprinkler or chemigation applications as defined by U.S. EPA, wind speed at the application site must be a minimum of 2 mph at the start of the application or forecasted to reach at least 5 mph during the application and the maximum wind speed is 25 mph.

### *Weather Conditions*

- Prior to fumigation, the weather forecast for the day of the application and the 48-hour period following the fumigation must be checked to determine if unfavorable weather conditions exist or are predicted (see *Identifying Unfavorable Weather Conditions* section) and whether fumigation should proceed.
- Do not apply if a shallow, compressed (low-level) temperature inversion is forecast to persist for more than 18 consecutive hours for the 48-hour period after the start of application, or if there is an air-stagnation advisory issued by the National Weather Service in effect for the area which the fumigation is planned.
- Detailed local forecasts for weather conditions, wind speed, and air stagnation advisories may be obtained online at <http://www.nws.noaa.gov>. For further guidance, contact your local National Weather Service Forecasting Office.

### *Identifying Unfavorable Weather Conditions*

- Unfavorable weather conditions block upward movement of air, which results in trapping fumigant vapors near the ground. The resulting air mass can move off-site in unpredictable directions. These conditions typically exist prior to sunset and continue past sunrise and persist as late as noontime. Unfavorable conditions are common on nights with limited cloud cover and light to no wind, and their presence can be indicated by ground fog or smog and can also be identified by smoke from a ground source that flattens out below a ceiling layer and moves laterally in a concentrated cloud.

### *Soil Conditions*

- Soil must be in good tilth and free of large clods. Large clods can prevent effective soil sealing and reduce effectiveness of the application. If subsurface soil compaction layers (hardpans) are present within the intended fumigation treatment zone, tillage to fracture these layers must occur. The soil must be tilled before or during the application, at minimum, to the depth of the intended treatment zone.
- Plant residue that is present must not interfere with the application or the soil seal. Non-decomposed plant material may harbor pests that will not be controlled by fumigation. Except when applying over cover crops as set forth in the General Instructions for Sprinkler System, crop residue that is present must lie flat to permit the soil to be sealed effectively and limit the natural "chimneys" that may occur in the soil when plant 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 limits the efficacy of the fumigant. Plant residue on the field serves to prevent soil erosion from both wind and water.

### *Soil Temperature*

- At the beginning of the application, the maximum soil temperature is 90°F, measured at 3 inches in depth.
- If air temperatures have been above 100°F in any of the three days prior to application, then soil temperature must be measured and recorded in the FMP.

### *Soil Moisture*

- The soil moisture in the top six inches of soil must be at 60% to 80% of soil capacity immediately prior to the application.

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*Flushing Irrigation Lines*

- Do not allow fumigant to remain in the irrigation system after the application is complete. After application of the fumigant, flush the injection and irrigation system with untreated water. The flush time must be adequate to purge the fumigant from the injection and irrigation system, but should be less than the amount that could over-saturate the beds. If common lines are used for both the fumigant application and the water treatment/seal (if applied), these lines must be adequately flushed before starting the water treatment/seal.

*Application and Equipment Considerations*

- Anti-siphon and back-flow prevention devices must be installed and in working order.
- Use only tanks constructed with materials approved for handling metam. Tanks must be inspected, in good condition, and not past their life expectancy to ensure product does not spill or leak.
- Tanks must have proper pesticide labels on them.
- All tanks, hoses, fittings, valves and connections must be serviceable, tightened, sealed and not leaking.
- Use only tanks, hoses and fittings designed to withstand the pressure of the system and resistant to metam.
- Use only positive displacement pumps. Do NOT use impellers made of brass, aluminum, or galvanized material.
- For undiluted product, aluminum, brass, copper, galvanized iron, and zinc materials cannot be used.

- The system must contain a functional check valve, vacuum relief valve, and low-pressure drain appropriately located on the irrigation pipeline to prevent water source contamination from backflow.
- The pesticide injection pipeline must contain a functional, automatic, quick-closing check valve to prevent the flow of fluid toward the injection pump.
- The pesticide injection pipeline must also contain a functional, normally-closed, solenoid-operated valve located on the intake side of the injection pump and connected to the system interlock to prevent fluid from being withdrawn from the supply tank when the irrigation system is either automatically or manually shut down.
- The system must contain functional interlocking controls to automatically shut off the pesticide injection pump when the water pump motor stops.
- The irrigation line or water pump must include a functional pressure switch that will stop the water pump motor when the water pressure decreases to the point where pesticide distribution is adversely affected.
- Systems must use a metering pump such as a positive displacement injection pump (e.g., diaphragm pump) effectively designed and constructed of materials that are compatible with pesticides and capable of being fitted with a system interlock.

**Solid Set Sprinkler Applications**

*Wind Speed*

- Wind speed at the application site must be a minimum of 2 mph at the start of the application or forecasted to reach at least 5 mph during the application and the maximum wind speed is 10 mph.

*Weather Conditions*

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*Soil Conditions*

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- Plant residue that is present must not interfere with the application or the soil seal. Non-decomposed plant material may harbor pests that will not be controlled by fumigation. Except when applying over cover crops as set forth in the General Instructions for Sprinkler System, crop residue that is present must lie flat to permit the soil to be sealed effectively and limit the natural “chimneys” that may occur in the soil when plant 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 limits the efficacy of the fumigant. Plant residue on the field serves to prevent soil erosion from both wind and water.

#### *Soil Temperature*

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#### *Soil Moisture*

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- If there is insufficient moisture throughout the top six inches of soil immediately prior to the application, the soil moisture must be adjusted. If there is adequate soil moisture below six inches, soil moisture can be brought to the surface by tillage before or during injection. To conserve soil moisture, tillage should be done as close to the time of application as possible.

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*Application and Equipment Considerations*

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**Drench Applications**

*Wind Speed*

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*Weather Conditions*

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- Plant residue must be worked into the soil with little or no crop residue present on the soil surface. Plant residue that is present must not interfere with the application or the soil seal. Non-decomposed plant material may harbor pests that will not be controlled by fumigation. Crop residue that is present must lie flat to permit the soil to be sealed effectively and limit the natural "chimneys" that may occur in the soil when plant 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 limits the efficacy of the fumigant. Plant residue on the field serves to prevent soil erosion from both wind and water.

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- Applications must be followed immediately with 0.20 to 0.50 inches of water through solid set sprinklers.
- A minimum of two more water seals must be applied; one water seal on the first evening of the application and the second on the evening of the day after application.

*Application and Equipment Considerations*

- Anti-siphon and back-flow prevention devices must be installed and in working order.
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- Tanks must have proper pesticide labels on them.
- All tanks, hoses, fittings, valves and connections must be serviceable, tightened, sealed and not leaking.
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- Each nozzle must be equipped with a flow monitor, e.g., mechanical, electronic, or Red-ball type monitor.
- To inject fumigant, use a metering system, effectively designed and constructed of materials that are compatible with the fumigant and capable of being fitted with system interlocking controls.
- Nozzles and metering devices are of correct size and are sealed and unobstructed.
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**Drip Applications**

*Wind Speed*

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*Weather Conditions*

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  - **moderately coarse** textured soils (sandy loam and fine sandy loam): there must be enough moisture (50-75% available soil water moisture) to form a ball with defined finger marks, very light soil/water staining on fingers, darkened color, will not stick.
  - **medium** textured soils (sandy clay loam, loam, and silt loam): there must be enough moisture (50-75% available soil water moisture) to form a ball, very light staining on fingers, darkened color, pliable and forms a weak ribbon between the thumb and forefinger.
  - **fine** textured soils (clay, clay loam, and silty clay loam): there must be enough moisture (50-75% available soil water moisture) to form a smooth ball with defined finger marks, light soil/water staining on fingers, ribbons 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. The field may 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 and/or local experience 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 or soil conservation service specialist or pest control advisor (agriculture consultant) should be consulted for assistance.
- If there is insufficient moisture throughout the top six inches of soil immediately prior to the application, the soil moisture must be adjusted. If there is adequate soil moisture below six inches, soil moisture can be brought to the surface by tillage before or during injection. To conserve soil moisture, tillage should be done as close to the time of application as possible.

*Tarps*

- When tarps are used for emission control in drip irrigation, the tarps must be installed immediately after application.
- When tarps are used, a written tarp plan must be developed and included in the FMP that includes:
  - Schedule and procedures for checking tarpaulins for damage, tears, and other problems,
  - Plans for determining when and how repairs to tarp will be made, and by whom,
  - Minimum time following injection that tarp will be repaired,
  - Minimum size of damage that will be repaired,
  - Other factors used to determine when tarp repair will be conducted,
  - Schedule, equipment and methods used to cut tarp,
  - Aeration plans and procedures following cutting and/or slitting prior to tarp removal or planting, and
  - Schedule, equipment, and procedures for tarp removal.

### *Flushing Drip Irrigation Lines*

- After application of the fumigant, continue to irrigate the area with water to flush the injection and irrigation system with untreated water. Do not allow fumigant to remain in the irrigation system after the application is complete. The total volume of water must be adequate to completely remove the fumigant from the irrigation system, but should be less than the amount that could over-saturate the beds. If common lines are used for both the fumigant application and the water treatment/seal (if applied), these lines must be adequately flushed before starting the water treatment/seal and/or normal irrigation practices.

### *Application and Equipment Considerations*

- Anti-siphon and back-flow prevention devices must be installed and in working order.
- Use only tanks constructed with materials approved for handling metam. Tanks must be inspected, in good condition, and not past their life expectancy to ensure product does not spill or leak.
- Tanks must have proper pesticide labels on them.
- All tanks, hoses, fittings, valves and connections must be serviceable, tightened, sealed and not leaking.
- Use only tanks, hoses and fittings designed to withstand the pressure of the system and resistant to metam.
- For undiluted product, aluminum, brass, copper, galvanized iron, and zinc materials cannot be used.
- The drip irrigation system (main lines, headers, drip tape) must be thoroughly checked for leaks before the start of the application. An adequate run-time and pressure are needed to detect leaks. Look for puddling along major pipes (holes on pipes or leaky joints), at the top and ends of rows (leaky connections, open drip tape), in the furrows and on the bed surface (damaged drip tape, malfunctioning emitters).
- To inject fumigant, use a metering system, effectively designed and constructed of materials that are compatible with the fumigant and capable of being fitted with system interlocking controls.
- The system must contain a functional check valve, vacuum relief valve, and low-pressure drain appropriately located on the irrigation pipeline to prevent water source contamination from backflow.
- The pesticide injection pipeline must contain a functional, automatic, quick-closing check valve to prevent the flow of fluid toward the injection pump.
- The pesticide injection pipeline must also contain a functional, normally-closed, solenoid-operated valve located on the intake side of the injection pump and connected to the system interlock to prevent fluid from being withdrawn from the supply tank when the irrigation system is either automatically or manually shut down.
- The system must contain functional interlocking controls to automatically shut off the pesticide injection pump when the water pump motor stops.
- The irrigation line or water pump must include a functional pressure switch that will stop the water pump motor when the water pressure decreases to the point where pesticide distribution is adversely affected.
- Systems must use a metering pump such as a positive displacement injection pump (e.g., diaphragm pump) effectively designed and constructed of materials that are compatible with pesticides and capable of being fitted with a system interlock.

## Flood Basin, Furrow and Border Application

### Wind Speed

- Wind speed at the application site must be a minimum of 2 mph at the start of the application or forecasted to reach at least 5 mph during the application.

### Weather Conditions

- Prior to fumigation, the weather forecast for the day of the application and the 48-hour period following the fumigation must be checked to determine if unfavorable weather conditions exist or are predicted (see *Identifying Unfavorable Weather Conditions* section) and whether fumigation should proceed.
- Do not apply if a shallow, compressed (low-level) temperature inversion is forecast to persist for more than 18 consecutive hours for the 48-hour period after the start of application, or if there is an air-stagnation advisory issued by the National Weather Service in effect for the area which the fumigation is planned.
- Detailed local forecasts for weather conditions, wind speed, and air stagnation advisories may be obtained online at <http://www.nws.noaa.gov>. For further guidance, contact your local National Weather Service Forecasting Office.

### Identifying Unfavorable Weather Conditions

- Unfavorable weather conditions block upward movement of air, which results in trapping fumigant vapors near the ground. The resulting air mass can move off-site in unpredictable directions. These conditions typically exist prior to sunset and continue past sunrise and persist as late as noontime. Unfavorable conditions are common on nights with limited cloud cover and light to no wind, and their presence can be indicated by ground fog or smog and can also be identified by smoke from a ground source that flattens out below a ceiling layer and moves laterally in a concentrated cloud.

### Soil Conditions

- Soil must be in good tilth and free of large clods. Large clods can prevent effective soil sealing and reduce effectiveness of the application. If subsurface soil compaction layers (hardpans) are present within the intended fumigation treatment zone, a deep tillage to fracture these layers must occur prior to or as part of the soil fumigant application. The soil must be tilled, at minimum to the depth of the treatment zone.
- Plant residue must be worked into the soil with little or no crop residue present on the soil surface. Plant residue that is present must not interfere with the application or the soil seal. Non-decomposed plant material may harbor pests that will not be controlled by fumigation. Crop residue that is present must lie flat to permit the soil to be sealed effectively and limit the natural “chimneys” that may occur in the soil when plant 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 limits the efficacy of the fumigant. Plant residue on the field serves to prevent soil erosion from both wind and water.

### Tarps

- When tarps are used for emission control, the tarps must be installed immediately after application.
- When tarps are used, a written tarp plan must be developed and included in the FMP that includes:
  - Schedule and procedures for checking tarpaulins for damage, tears, and other problems,
  - Plans for determining when and how repairs to tarp will be made, and by whom,
  - Minimum time following injection that tarp will be repaired,
  - Minimum size of damage that will be repaired,
  - Other factors used to determine when tarp repair will be conducted,
  - Schedule, equipment and methods used to cut tarp,
  - Aeration plans and procedures following cutting and/or slitting prior to tarp removal or planting, and
  - Schedule, equipment, and procedures for tarp removal.

*Soil Temperature*

- At the beginning of the application, the maximum soil temperature is 90°F, measured at 3 inches in depth.
- If air temperatures have been above 100°F in any of the three days prior to application, then soil temperature must be measured and recorded in the FMP.

*Soil Moisture*

- Soil moisture in the top six inches of soil must be at 60% to 80% of soil capacity immediately prior to the application.
- **EXCEPTION:** In areas where soil moisture must exceed field capacity to form a bed (e.g., certain regions in Florida), soil capacity may exceed the 80% allocated above.
- If appropriate measuring equipment is not used to determine whether soil moisture in the top six inches of soil is at 60% to 80% of soil capacity immediately prior to the application, the USDA *Feel Method* test may be used to help estimate whether the 60% to 80% soil capacity requirement is met:
  - **coarse** textured soils (fine sand and loamy fine sand): there must be enough moisture (50-75% available soil water moisture) to form a weak ball with loose and clustered sand grains on fingers, darkened color, moderate water staining on fingers, will not ribbon.
  - **moderately coarse** textured soils (sandy loam and fine sandy loam): there must be enough moisture (50-75% available soil water moisture) to form a ball with defined finger marks, very light soil/water staining on fingers, darkened color, will not stick.
  - **medium** textured soils (sandy clay loam, loam, and silt loam): there must be enough moisture (50-75% available soil water moisture) to form a ball, very light staining on fingers, darkened color, pliable and forms a weak ribbon between the thumb and forefinger.
  - **fine** textured soils (clay, clay loam, and silty clay loam): there must be enough moisture (50-75% available soil water moisture) to form a smooth ball with defined finger marks, light soil/water staining on fingers, ribbons 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. The field may 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 and/or local experience 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 or soil conservation service specialist or pest control advisor (agriculture consultant) should be consulted for assistance.
- If there is insufficient moisture throughout the top six inches of soil immediately prior to the application, the soil moisture must be adjusted. If there is adequate soil moisture below six inches, soil moisture can be brought to the surface by tillage before or during injection. To conserve soil moisture, tillage should be done as close to the time of application as possible.

*Application and Equipment Considerations*

- Systems using a gravity flow pesticide dispersing system must meter the pesticide into the water at the head of the field and downstream of a hydraulic discontinuity such as a drop structure or weir box to decrease potential for water source contamination from backflow if water flow stops.
- Meter at a steady rate into 3 to 18 inches of water per treated acre during irrigation. **IMPORTANT:** Prior to starting the application, always inspect ditches and border areas to ensure containment of the irrigation waters. Apply only into field head ditch. **DO NOT APPLY INTO ANY LATERAL DITCHES.**
- Back-flow prevention devices must be installed and in working order.

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- Use only tanks constructed with materials approved for handling metam. Tanks must be inspected, in good condition, and not past their life expectancy to ensure product does not spill or leak.
- Dry connect fittings (closed transfer system) must be installed on all tanks and transfer hoses.
- Tanks must have proper pesticide labels on them.
- All tanks, hoses, fittings, valves and connections must be serviceable, tightened, sealed and not leaking.
- Use only tanks, hoses and fittings designed to withstand the pressure of the system and resistant to metam.
- For undiluted product, aluminum, brass, copper, galvanized iron, and zinc materials cannot be used.
- To inject fumigant, use a metering system, effectively designed and constructed of materials that are compatible with the fumigant and capable of being fitted with system interlocking controls.
- Flow rates must be calibrated and checked for each application.
- All previous materials applied with the system must be cleaned thoroughly prior to fumigant application.
- System must be flushed after application to totally remove all fumigant.

#### **SITE-SPECIFIC FUMIGATION MANAGEMENT PLAN (FMP):**

Prior to the start of fumigation, the certified applicator supervising the application must verify that a site-specific FMP exists for each application block (i.e., the field or portion of a field treated with a fumigant in any 24-hour period, or, for center pivot applications which occur over many days, the total acres of a field treated and not separated by a 12 hour interruption). In addition, agricultural operations fumigating multiple application blocks as part of a larger fumigation may format their 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, separate sections.

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

Each site-specific FMP must contain the following elements:

- Applicator information (name, phone number, pesticide applicator license number, employer name, employer address).
- General site information.
  - Application block location (e.g., county, township, range, quadrant), address, or global positioning system (GPS) coordinates.
  - Name, address, and phone number of owner/operator of the application block.
- General application information (target application date/window, brand name of fumigant, EPA registration number).
- Tarp information and procedures for repair, perforation and removal (if tarp is used).
  - Brand name, lot number, thickness.
  - Name and phone number of person responsible for repairing tarps.
  - Schedule for checking tarps for damage, tears, and other problems.
  - Maximum time following notification of damage that the person(s) responsible for tarp repair will respond.
  - Minimum time following application that tarp will be repaired.
  - Minimum size of damage that will be repaired.

- Other factors used to determine when tarp repair will be conducted.
- Name and phone number of person responsible for cutting and/or removing tarps (if other than certified applicator).
- Equipment/methods used to cut tarps.
- Schedule and target dates for cutting tarps.
- Schedule and target dates for removing tarps.
- Soil conditions (description of soil texture in application block, method used to determine soil moisture).
- Weather conditions (summary of forecasted conditions for the day of the application and the 48-hour period following the fumigant application).
  - Wind speed.
  - Inversion conditions (e.g., shallow, compressed (low-level) temperature inversion).
  - Air stagnation advisory.
- Respirators and other PPE for handlers (handler task, protective clothing, respirator type, respirator cartridge type, respirator cartridge replacement schedule, eye protection, gloves, other PPE).
- Emergency procedures (evacuation routes, locations of telephones, contact information for first responders, local/state/federal/tribal contacts, key personnel and emergency procedures/responsibilities in case of an incident, equipment/tarp/seal failure, odor complaints, or other emergencies).
- Fumigant Treated Area posting procedures (name, address, and phone number of person(s) who will post Fumigant Treated Area signs, location of posting Fumigant Treated Area signs, procedures for Fumigant Treated Area sign removal).
- Plan describing how communication will take place between applicator, land owner/operator, and other on-site handlers (e.g., tarp cutters/removers, irrigators) for complying with label requirements (e.g., treated area location, timing of tarp cutting and removal, PPE).
  - Name and phone number of persons contacted.
  - Date contacted.
- Authorized on-site personnel.
  - Names, addresses and phone numbers of handlers.
  - Name, address, and phone numbers for employers of handlers.
  - Tasks that each handler is authorized and trained to perform.
  - For handlers designated to wear air purifying respirators (an air-purifying respirator is required for a minimum of one handler):
    - date of medical qualification to wear an air-purifying respirator,
    - date of air-purifying respirator training, and
    - date of fit testing for the air-purifying respirator.
- Air monitoring Plan.
  - If sensory irritation is experienced, indicate whether operations will be ceased or operations will continue with an air-purifying respirator.
  - If the intention is to cease operations when sensory irritation is experienced, provide the name, address, and phone number of the handler that will perform monitoring activities prior to operations resuming.
  - When air-purifying respirators are worn:
    - Representative handler tasks to be monitored.
    - Monitoring equipment to be used and timing of monitoring.
- Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs).
  - Description of applicable mandatory GAPs (registrants may also include optional GAPs).
  - Measurements and documentation to ensure GAPs are achieved (e.g., measurement of soil and other site conditions).
- Description of hazard communication. (The treated area has been posted in accordance with the label. Pesticide product labels and material safety data sheets are on-site and readily available for employees to review.)
- Record-keeping procedures (the owner/operator of the application block as well as the certified applicator, 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 fumigation sites (e.g., applicator information, authorized on-site personnel, record-keeping procedures, emergency procedures, etc.), 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 and has documented the verification in the site-specific FMP; and
- Record-keeping requirements are followed for the entire FMP (including elements that do not change).

Once the application begins, the certified applicator must make a copy of the FMP available for viewing by handlers involved in the fumigation. The certified applicator or the owner/operator of the application block must provide a copy of the FMP to any federal, state, tribal, or local enforcement personnel who request the FMP. In case of an emergency, the FMP must be made available when requested by federal/state/tribal/local emergency response and enforcement personnel.

Within 30 days of completing the application portion of the fumigation process, the certified applicator supervising the application must complete a post-fumigation application summary that describes any deviations from FMP that have occurred, measurements taken to comply with GAPs as well as any complaints and/or incidents that have been reported to him/her.

The Post-Application Summary must contain the following elements:

- Actual date of the application, application rate, and size of application block fumigated.
- Summary of weather conditions on the day of the application and during the 48-hour period following the fumigant application.
- Tarp damage and repair information (if applicable).
  - Location and size of tarp damage.
  - Description of tarp/tarp seal/tarp equipment failure.
  - Date and time of tarp repair.
- Tarp perforation/removal details (if applicable).
  - Description of tarp removal (if different than in the FMP).
  - Date tarps were perforated.
  - Date tarps were removed.
- Complaint details (if applicable).
  - Person filing complaint (e.g., on-site handler, person off-site).
  - If off-site person: name, address, and phone number of person filing complaint.
  - Description of control measure or emergency procedures followed after complaint.
- Description of incidents, equipment failure, or other emergency and emergency procedures followed (if applicable).
- Details of elevated air concentrations monitored on-site (if applicable).
  - Location of elevated air concentration levels.
  - Description of control measure or emergency procedures followed.
    - When sensory irritation experienced:
      - Date and time of sensory irritation.
      - Handler task/activity.
      - Handler location where irritation was observed.
      - Resulting action (e.g., cease operations, continue operations with air-purifying respirators).
    - When using a direct-read instrument:
      - Sample date and time.
      - Handler task/activity.
      - Handler location.
      - Air concentration.
      - Sampling method.
- Date of Fumigant Treated Area sign removal.



- Any deviations from the FMP.

Record-keeping procedures (the owner/operator of the application block as well as the certified applicator must keep a signed copy of the post-application summary for 2 years from the date of application).

**MAXIMUM APPLICATION RATES FOR PRE-PLANT SOIL FUMIGATION**

Maximum application rate is 320 lbs ai/A (100.6 gallons per treated acre).

Only for use on the following: Alfalfa; Almond (*Prunus dulcis*); Amaranth (leafy amaranth, Chinese spinach, tampala) (*Amaranthus spp.*); Amur River Grape; Andean Blackberry; Angelica; Anise; Apple (*Malus domestica*); Apricot (*Prunus armeniaca*); Aronia Berry; Artic Blackberry; Arugula (roquette) (*Eruca sativa*); Asparagus (nursery production only); Artichokes; Balm (lemon balm); Barley; Basil; Bayberry; Bearberry; Beech Nut (*Fagus spp.*); Beet, Garden; Beet, Sugar; Bilberry; Bingleberry; Blackberry (*Rubus eubatus*); Black Satin Berry; Blueberry, highbush and lowbush (*Vaccinium spp.*); Borage; Boysenberry; Brazil Nut (*Bertholletia excelsa*); Broccoli; Broccoli, Chinese (Gai Lon); Broccoli, raab (rapini); Brombeere; Brussels Sprouts; Buffaloberry; Burdock, Edible; Burnet; Butternut (*Juglans cinerea*); Cabbage; Cabbage, Chinese (Bok Choy); Cabbage, Chinese mustard (Gai Choy); Cabbage, Napa; Calamondin (*Citrus mitis* X *Citrofortunella mitis*); California Blackberry; Camomile; Cardoon (*Cynara cardunculus*); Carrot; Cashew (*Anacardium occidentale*); Catnip; Cauliflower; Cavalo Broccolo; Celeriac (celery root); Celery (*Apium graveolens* var. dulce); Celery, Chinese (*Apium graveolens* var. secalinum); Celtuce (*Lactuca sativa* var. angustana); Chayote (fruit) (*Sechium edule*); Che; Cherokee Blackberry; Cherry, sweet (*Prunus avium*); Cherry, tart (*Prunus cerasus*); Chervil (dried) (*Anthriscus cerefolium*); Chervil, turnip-rooted (*Chaerophyllum bulbosum*); Chesterberry; Chestnut (*Castanea spp.*); Cheyenne Blackberry; Chicory; Chilean Guava; Chinese Waxgourd (Chinese preserving melon) (*Benincasa hispida*); Chinquapin (*Castanea pumila*); Chive, fresh leaves; Chive, Chinese, fresh leaves; Chokecherry; Chrysanthemum, edible-leaved (*Chrysanthemum coronarium* var. coronarium); Chrysanthemum, garland (*Chrysanthemum coronarium* var. spatiosum); Cilantro; Citron Melon (*Citrullus lanatus* var. citroides); Citrus (orchard replant only); Citrus Citron (*Citrus medica*); Citrus Hybrids (*Citrus spp.*) (includes: Chironja, Tangelo, Tangor); Clary; Cloudberry; Clover; Collard; Common Blackberry; Corn; Corn Salad (*Valerianella locusta*); Coriander (cilantro or Chinese parsley) (leaf); Coryberry; Costmary; Cotton; Cover crops (i.e., crops planted between periods of regular crop production to prevent soil erosion, control weeds, and improve soil quality that are incorporated into the soil before the next crop is planted and may not be harvested for food or feed); Crops grown solely for seed; Crabapple (*Malus spp.*); Cranberry; Cress, garden (*Lepidium sativum*); Cress, upland (yellow rocket, winter cress) (*Barbarea vulgaris*); Cucumber (*Cucumis sativus*); Cucurbits; Culantro (leaf); Currant, Black; Currant, Red; Curry (leaf); Dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*); Darrowberry; Dewberry; Dill; Dill (dillweed); Dirksen Thornless Berry; Dock (sorrel) (*Rumex spp.*); Eggplant; Elderberry (*Sambucus spp.*); Elegans Hosta; Endive (escarole) (*Cichorium endivia*); European Barberry; Evergreen Blackberry; Fava Beans; Fennel, Filbert (hazelnut) (*Corylus spp.*); Florence (finochio) (Foeniculum vulgare Azoricum Group); Fritillaria, leaves; Forest Seedlings; Garden Beet; Garlic; Gherkin (*Cucumis anguria*); Ginger; Ginseng; Gooseberry (*Ribes spp.*); Gourd, edible (*Lagenaria spp.*) (includes: hyotan, cucuzza (*Luffa acutangula*, *L. cylindrical*, includes hechima, Chinese okra); Grape (vineyard replant only); Grapefruit (*Citrus paradisi*); Green Beans; Herbs (all); Hickory Nut (*Carya spp.*); Highbush Cranberry; Himalayaberry; Honeysuckle, edible; Horehound; Horseradish; Huckleberry (*Gaylussacia spp.*); Hullberry; Hyssop; Jostaberry; Juneberry; Kale; Kiwifruit, fuzzy; Kiwifruit, hardy; Kohlrabi; Kumquat (*Fortunella spp.*); Kurrat; Lavacaberry; Lavender; Leafy Greens; Leek; Leek, ladies; Leek, wild; Lemon (*Citrus jambhiri*, *Citrus limon*); Lemongrass; Lettuce, head and leaf (*Lactuca sativa*); Lima Beans; Lime (*Citrus aurantiifolia*); Lingonberry; Loganberry (*Rubus loganobaccus*); Loquat (*Eriobotrya japonica*); Lowberry; Lovage (leaf); Lucretiaberry; Macadamia Nut (bush nut) (*Macadamia spp.*); Mammoth Blackberry; Mandarin (tangerine) (*Citrus reticulata*); Marigold; Marionberry; Marjoram (includes sweet or annual marjoram, wild marjoram, or oregano, and pot marjoram); Mayhaw (*Crataegus aestivalis*, *C. opaca*, and *C. rufula*); Maypop; Mint; Mizuna; *Momordica spp.* (includes balsam apple, balsam pear, bitter melon, Chinese cucumber); Mora; Mountain Pepper Berries; Mulberry; Muntries; Mures Denronce; Muskmelon (hybrids and/or cultivars of *Cucumis melo* (includes true cantaloupe, cantaloupe, casaba, crenshaw melon, golden pershaw melon, honeydew melon, honey balls, mango melon, Persian melon, pineapple melon, Santa Claus melon, and snake melon)); Mustard; Mustard Greens; Mustard Spinach; Nasturtium; Native Currant;

Nectarberry; Nectarine (*Prunus persica*); Northern Dewberry; Nursery Stock (fruit seedlings and rose bushes only); All Nursery Tree Crops (like Maple, Ash, Dogwood); Oats; Olallieberry; Onion; Onion, Beltsville bunching; Onion, fresh; Onion, green; Onion, macrostem; Onion, tree tops; Onion, Welsh tops; Orange, sour (*Citrus aurantium*); Orange, sweet (*Citrus sinensis*); Orach (*Atriplex hortensis*); Oregon Evergreen Berry; Oriental Radish; Ornamentals (floriculture only); Ornamental Crops; Parsley (*Petroselinum crispum*), Parsley, turnip-rooted (*Petroselinum crispum* var. *tuberosum*); Parsnip; Partridgeberry; Peach (*Prunus persica*); Pear (*Pyrus communis*); Pear, oriental (*Pyrus pyrifolia*); Peas (English and Garden); Pecan (*Carya illinoensis*); Pennyroyal; Phalsa; Phenomenalberry; Pincherry; Pistachio; Plum (*Prunus domestica*, *Prunus* spp.); Plum, Chickasaw (*Prunus angustifolia*); Plum, Damson (*Prunus domestica* spp. *insititia*); Plum, Japanese (*Prunus salicina*); Plumcot (*Prunus. armeniaca* X *P. domestica*); Pome Fruit (orchard replant only) Peanut; Pepper; Potato; Prune (fresh) (*Prunus domestica*, *Prunus* spp.); Pummelo (*Citrus grandis*, *Citrus maxima*); Pumpkin (*Cucurbita* spp.); Purslane, garden (*Portulaca oleracea*); Purslane, winter (*Montia perfoliata*); Quince (*Cydonia oblonga*); Radicchio (red chicory) (*Cichorium intybus*); Radish; Radish, oriental (daikon); Rangeberry; Rape Greens; Rappini; Raspberry, black, Raspberry, red; Raspberry, wild; Ravenberry; Rhubarb (*Rheum rhabarbarum*); Riberry; Rosemary; Rossberry; Rue; Rutabaga; Rye; Sage; Salal; Salsify (oyster plant); Salsify, black; Salsify, Spanish; Satsuma Mandarin (*Citrus unshiu*); Savory, summer and winter; Schisandra Berry; Sea Buckthorn; Seed Beans; Serviceberry; Shallot, fresh leaves; Shawnee Blackberry; Skirret; Soybean; Spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*); Spinach, New Zealand (*Tetragonia tetragonoides*, *T. expansa*); Spinach, vine (Malabar spinach, Indian spinach) (*Basella alba*); Squash, summer (*Cucurbita pepo* var. *meloepo*) (includes: crookneck squash, scallop squash, straightneck squash, vegetable marrow, and zucchini); Squash, winter (*Cucurbita maxima*; *C. moschata*) (includes: butternut squash, calabaza, hubbard squash) and (*C. mixta*; *C. pepo*) (includes acorn squash, spaghetti squash); Stone Fruit (orchard replant only) Strawberries; Sudan; Sweet bay (bay leaf); Sweet Potato; Swiss Chard; Tansy; Tarragon; Tayberry; Thyme; Tobacco; Tomatoes; Tree Nuts (orchard replant only) Turnip; Turf (including golf courses); Walnut, black and English (Persian) (*Juglans* spp.); Watermelon (includes hybrids and/or varieties of *Citrullus lanatus*); Wheat; Wintergreen; Woodruff; Wormwood; Yams; Youngberry and varieties and/or hybrids of these; and Zazzamora.

Use in greenhouses is prohibited. Application with handheld equipment is prohibited. Application with cement grinder and shredder equipment is prohibited. Open-pour applications are prohibited.

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

### PRODUCT INFORMATION

METAM SODIUM is a water soluble liquid. When applied to soil, the liquid is converted into a volatile fumigant (Methylisothiocyanate, MITC). After a sufficient interval of time, the gas dissipates leaving the soil ready for planting.

### WHEN TO USE MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM RATES

The application rate of METAM SODIUM is dependent on the soil type to be treated and the position in the soil of the pest to be suppressed or controlled. Generally, a light sandy soil requires a lower application rate than a heavier mineral soil. In addition, if the pest is in the upper portion of the soil profile (annual weeds), a lower application rate is generally required than if the pest is deeper in the soil profile and deeper penetration is desired (perennial weed seeds). When a range of application rates is given in this label, consult your local agricultural extension service for more specific information.

### USE PRECAUTIONS

Keep children and pets out of treated areas. All METAM SODIUM uses described on this label are intended for pre-plant soil preparation only. All plant foliage and any established plants growing on the treatment sites will be either severely damaged or destroyed.

Keep the product off of any desirable turf or plants. Do not apply within three feet of the drip line of desirable plants, shrubs or trees. Do not use in greenhouses. Keep container tightly closed when not in use. Do not store near feed or food.

NOTE: METAM SODIUM will control only those pests in the fumigation zone at the time of treatment. Reinfestation may occur subsequent to the fumigants degradation/dissipation from the soil.

**TREATMENT GUIDELINES**

For optimum results, certain procedures should be observed at designated times in the treatment program. Described below are important guidelines for each of the four stages of the treatment process.

- Pre-Application Planning
- Field Preparation Prior to Application
- Application
- Preparation for Planting After Application

Consult your sales representative for the appropriate treatment program for your particular needs.

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**PLANNING AN APPLICATION**

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METAM SODIUM is applied after harvest and 14 to 21 days before a new crop is planted. In some areas, fall applications are preferred, as the product will degrade/dissipate over the winter, which allows planting to begin as soon as favorable springtime conditions arrive.

**APPLICATION RATE**

Apply 40 to 100 gallons of this product per treated acre depending on crop, target pest and soil properties (or see crop-specific considerations in the Additional Information section of this label). Some of the soil properties to consider when determining the application rate include soil texture, percent organic matter and depth of soil to be treated.

**TARGET PEST AND DEPTH OF TREATMENT**

When application rates for this product are given in ranges, use the higher rate if pests (insects, nematodes, etc.) are present in high numbers or if the area to be treated has a history of pest problems. Consult with your State Nematologist, Entomologist and Plant Pathologist to determine if crop rotation is more feasible or desirable than fumigation.

NOTE: This product will only control pests that are in the fumigated zone at time of treatment. For control of weeds and fungi, which cause seed or seedling diseases, treatment of only the top 2 to 4 inches of soil may only be required. Treatment depths greater than 4 inches may be required for control of Nematodes and fungi, which occur throughout the rhizosphere. The required application rate should be increased proportionately with the depth of the treatment required. Always choose the appropriate application method to evenly distribute this product throughout the soil to the required treatment depth.

**SOIL CHARACTERISTICS**

Soil properties to consider when determining the application rate of this product include the depth of soil to be treated, soil texture, and percent organic matter.

Due to the absorbing effect of humus, soils with high levels of organic matter under the surface require higher rates. For example, muck soils require twice the rate that would be used in mineral soils.

Application rates will also vary with soil texture. For instance, heavy clay soils require a higher rate than light sandy soil.

**PHYTOTOXICITY**

METAM SODIUM is phytotoxic. Protect valuable, non-target plants by stopping soil applications of this product at least 3 feet short of the drip line of trees, shrubs and other desirable plants. For sprinkler application, crop injury and lack of effectiveness can result from non-uniform distribution of the treated water.

**APPLICATION OF METAM SODIUM**

Apply according to the methods and rates outlined below under the section "USES, APPLICATION METHODS AND RATES".

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### **USE OF DILUTED METAM SODIUM**

Do not store the diluted product. Do not allow the diluted solution to stand overnight. Use the diluted solution promptly after mixing with water. Flush all equipment with water after each day's use, disassemble valves and clean carefully.

### **APPLICATION IN TANK MIX WITH LIQUID FERTILIZER**

METAM SODIUM may be injected in a mixture with liquid fertilizers. Since the composition of liquid fertilizers vary considerably, the physical compatibility of each METAM SODIUM/fertilizer tank mix should be checked by using the following procedure:

Mix a small quantity of METAM SODIUM and liquid fertilizer in the same ratio as they will be applied to the field, i.e., if 40 gallons of METAM SODIUM and 40 gallons of liquid fertilizer are to be applied per treated acre, then the mixture should be mixed in a 40:40 or 1:1 ratio. Mix in a glass container and agitate the liquids to attain a complete uniform mixture.

If a uniform mix cannot be made, the mixture should not be used. If the mixture remains uniform for 30 minutes without agitation, the combination may be used. Should the mixture separate after 30 minutes, but is readily remixed with agitation, the mixture can be used if adequate agitation is maintained in the tank.

DO NOT PLACE CAPS ON MIX JAR AS INCOMPATIBLE MIXES MAY EVOLVE HYDROGEN SULFIDE GAS. USE PROMPTLY AFTER MIXING WITH WATER OR FERTILIZER. DO NOT ALLOW THE SOLUTION TO STAND. FLUSH ALL EQUIPMENT WITH WATER AFTER EACH DAY'S USE. DISASSEMBLE VALVES AND CLEAN CAREFULLY.

### **GENERAL PRECAUTIONS FOR IRRIGATION SYSTEMS**

Posting of areas to be chemigated is required when 1) any part of a treated area is within 300 feet of sensitive areas such as residential areas, labor camps, businesses, daycare centers, hospitals, in-patient clinics, nursing homes or any public areas such as schools, parks, playgrounds, or other public facilities not including public roads, or 2) when chemigated area is open to the public such as golf courses.

Posting must conform to the following requirements. Treated areas shall be posted with signs at all usual points of entry and along likely routes of approach from the listed sensitive areas. When there are no usual points of entry, signs must be posted in the corners of the treated areas and in any other location affording maximum visibility to sensitive areas. The printed side of the sign should face away from the treated area towards the sensitive area. The signs shall be printed in English. Signs must be posted prior to application and must remain posted until foliage has dried and soil surface water has disappeared. Signs may remain in place indefinitely as long as they are composed of materials to prevent deterioration and maintain legibility for the duration of the posting period.

All words shall consist of letters of at least 2 ½ inches tall and all letters and the symbol shall be a color, which sharply contrasts with their immediate background. At the top of the sign shall be the words KEEP OUT, followed by an octagonal stop sign symbol of at least 8 inches in diameter containing the word STOP. Below the symbol shall be the words PESTICIDES IN IRRIGATION WATER. This sign is in addition to any sign posted to comply with the Worker Protection Standard.

### **STATEMENTS CONCERNING CHEMIGATION OF METAM SODIUM**

When applying by chemigation methods, the following directions or warnings must be observed.

Apply this product only through sprinkler including center pivot, lateral move, end tow, side (wheel) roll, traveler, big gun, solid set, or hand move; flood (basin), furrow, border, or drip (trickle) irrigation system(s).

Do not apply this product through any other type of irrigation system. Crop injury, lack of effectiveness, or illegal pesticide residues in the crop can result from non-uniform distribution of treated water. If you have questions about calibration, you should contact State extension service specialists, equipment manufacturers or other

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experts. Do not connect an irrigation system used for pesticide application to a public water system unless the pesticide label prescribed safety devices for public water systems are in place. A person knowledgeable of the chemigation system and responsible for its operation or under the supervision of the responsible person, shall shut the system down and make necessary adjustments should the need arise.

**OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONS IF YOUR CHEMIGATION SYSTEM IS CONNECTED TO A PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM**

NOTE: AMVAC CHEMICAL CORPORATION DOES NOT ENCOURAGE CONNECTION OF CHEMIGATION SYSTEMS TO PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED FOR USERS WHO HAVE EVALUATED ALTERNATIVE APPLICATION AND WATER SOURCE OPTIONS BEFORE CHOOSING TO MAKE SUCH A CONNECTION.

Public water system is defined as a system for the provision to the public of piped water for human consumption if such system has at least 15 service connections or regularly serves an average of at least 25 individuals daily at least 60 days out of a year.

Chemigation systems connected to public water systems must contain a functional, reduced-pressure zone (RPZ), backflow preventer or the functional equivalent in the water supply line upstream from the point of pesticide introduction. As an option to the RPZ, the water from the public water system should be discharged into a reservoir tank prior to pesticide introduction.

There shall be a complete physical break (air gap) between the outlet end of the fill pipe and the top of overflow rim of the reservoir tank of at least twice the inside diameter of the fill pipe.

The pesticide injection pipeline must contain a functional automatic, quick-closing check valve to prevent the flow of fluid toward the injection pump.

Do not apply when wind speed favors drift beyond the area intended for treatment.

**SPRINKLER CHEMIGATION SYSTEMS**

See "Uses, Rates And Application Methods -- Field Application Where Entire Area Is Being Treated" Section.

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**PREPARATION FOR PLANTING AFTER APPLICATION OF METAM SODIUM**

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**Effect of Rains**

If a METAM SODIUM application is rained on less than 24 hours after treatment, lack of control at and near the soil surface may occur.

**Recontamination**

Precautions must be taken to prevent recontamination of treated fields with plant pathogenic fungi, plant parasitic nematodes or weed seed. Use clean seeds or plants. Before farm equipment is driven into the treated area, it should be rinsed free of untreated soil and weed seeds from other fields.

**Interval Between Treatment and Planting**

Because METAM SODIUM is harmful to germinating seeds and living plants, an appropriate interval must be observed between treatments and planting. On well-drained soils which have a light to medium texture and which are not excessively wet or cold following the application, planting can begin 14 to 21 days after treatment. If soils are heavy or especially high in organic matter or if the soils remain wet and/or cold (below 60°F) following the application, a minimum interval of 21 days or greater should be observed. The interval before planting should be extended until the soil is sufficiently dry to allow for cultivation.

**Aeration of Soils Before Planting**

**IMPORTANT:** Heavier soils, including soils high in clay or organic matter should be allowed to aerate and dry thoroughly after treatment with METAM SODIUM. During cold and/or wet weather, frequent shallow cultivation can aid dissipation of METAM SODIUM from the treated soils.

On heavy, wet soils, light surface cultivation to break up crusting and promote drying should be done 5 to 7 days after treatment. This cultivation may be repeated as necessary. **CAUTION:** To avoid reinfesting treated soils, care should be taken to assure that untreated soils are not mixed with treated soils.

**Testing of Treated Soils Before Planting**

Fields are fumigated to control soil-borne fungi, nematodes, insects, and weeds. The length of time required for fumigants to dissipate/escape from the soil before plants can safely be planted varies greatly. Typically 14 days are needed under typical conditions; however, circumstances which do not favor volatilization (evaporation) of the fumigant can greatly lengthen the waiting period (i.e., up to 30 days). The release period is short with (1) low rates of fumigant; (2) light soil; (3) high soil temperatures; (4) low soil moisture; (5) shallow application depth and (6) repeated cultivations after fumigation. Seeded crops are less susceptible to residual soil fumigant injury than transplanted crops. In general; fumigants escape slowly from cold, wet, heavy soils.

The information below describes two simple tests to assay for harmful, residual soil fumigants before planting.

**Lettuce Seed Test**

1. With a trowel dig into the treated soil to, or just below, the depth of application. Remove 2 to 4 small (1 to 2 oz) soil samples, mix briefly, and immediately place a portion in an airtight jar so that fumes will not escape. Use Mason jars, wheat germ jars or similar jars with gas tight lids.
2. Sprinkle lettuce seed on the moistened surface of the soil and recap immediately. Prepare a similar jar with untreated soil (an untreated check) for comparison.
3. Place the jars at 65°F to 85°F in indirect sunlight (direct sunlight may kill the seed by overheating). Lettuce seed will not germinate in the dark.
4. Inspect the jars for germination in 1 to 3 days.
5. The soil is safe to plant if seed germinate as well in the treated soil as the untreated control.

**CAUTION**

- A. Be sure to sample the field properly in several areas, particularly low, wet sites.
- B. Be sure that the lids are airtight (no grit under the seal).
- C. Be sure that the jars are placed in the light (not direct sun).

**Tomato Transplant Test**

Transplant 5 to 10 succulent, fast-growing tomato seedlings into fumigated beds (approximately 4 to 6 inches deep). Do the same in a non-fumigated area (i.e., between rows). If there is variation in the field, plant into the heaviest, wettest soils. Inspect the seedlings in two days for wilting or "root burn". If plants in the fumigated zone look the same as those outside the fumigated zone, it is safe to plant.

**Which Test is Best?**

Both the lettuce seed and tomato transplant tests should serve the purpose. The response of tomato seedlings varies somewhat depending on how succulent they are, the relative humidity, soil moisture and temperature. Relative differences between plants in fumigated and unfumigated areas are key to detecting low-level residues. High concentrations should produce clear-cut symptoms.

Lettuce seed tested in jars are not subjected to the variations in the field, which can affect the response of tomato transplants. However, the process of collecting a soil sample allows some fumigant to escape prior to sealing the jar. In addition, excess soil moisture can inhibit normal lettuce seed germination reducing the sensitivity of the test.

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**USES, RATES AND APPLICATION METHODS**

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**Field Application Where Entire Area is Being Treated**

**Soil Injection**

Apply with injectors (shanks, blades, fertilizer wheels, plows, etc.)

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NOTE: It may be necessary to stagger the injector placement on 2 or more tool bars to prevent soil build up during application.

Apply METAM SODIUM at the rate of 40 to 100 gallons per treated acre (or see crop-specific considerations in the Additional Information section of this label). Follow immediately with a roller to smooth and compact the soil surface. Light watering or tarping after rolling helps prevent gas escape.

When setting up your soil injection equipment with either spray blades, injection knives or coulters make sure they are evenly and closely placed to create an even application width and depth. To accomplish this it may require multiple tool bars with the injection tools staggered. This will help prevent buildup of trash and aid in the soil sealing.

Example: Apply METAM SODIUM through injectors placed 4 inches below the soil surface and 5 inches apart.

### **Rotary Tiller or Power Mulcher**

Spray diluted METAM SODIUM immediately in front of tiller or mulcher. Use 40 to 100 gallons per treated acre (or see crop-specific considerations in the Additional Information section of this label). Follow immediately with a bedshaper, roller press wheel, or similar device, or cover with an adequate amount of soil to seal the fumigant into the soil. Light watering or tarping after rolling or bedshaping helps prevent the escape of gas.

### **Sprinkler System**

Use only sprinkler systems which give large water droplets to prevent excessive loss. Use 50 to 100 gallons of METAM SODIUM per treated acre in a minimum of 1 acre-inch of water (or see crop-specific considerations in the Additional Information section of this label). For control of shallow pests (top 1 foot or less of soil profile), use 40 to 100 gallons of METAM SODIUM per treated acre and inject in only enough water to reach the desired treatment depth. Meter continuously into the sprinkler system throughout the entire application period. At completion of application, flush the system with only enough water to clear the lines. If soil surface dried quickly, reseal it by running sprinklers for 20 minutes once a day for the next day or two. On very light soils, keep surface moist by sprinkling for 2 or 3 days.

Follow use precautions in "GENERAL PRECAUTIONS FOR IRRIGATION SYSTEMS" section above.

### **Application Over Cover Crops**

METAM SODIUM can be applied through center pivot or solid set sprinkler systems over cover crops that are living and less than approximately eight inches tall such as alfalfa, clover, green beans, and grasses such as Rye, Oats, Wheat and Sudan. When applied over cover crops, no soil cultivation is required before the application. The terminated crop must not be used for any food or feed purposes after METAM SODIUM has been applied.

### **Runoff of Treatment Solutions**

To prevent runoff of the treatment solution during a Sprinkler Application, do not apply the solution at a rate greater than the absorption capacity of the field. Should runoff occur, isolate it from growing crops and water sources. Once collected, reapply it to the treated field.

### **Check Flood (Basin) Furrow and Border**

Follow use precautions in "GENERAL PRECAUTIONS FOR IRRIGATION SYSTEMS" section above.

## **FIELD APPLICATION TO BEDS OR ROWS**

### **Soil Injection**

METAM SODIUM may be injected into pre-formed plant beds following the directions given above under soil injection. If a wider treated band is desired, space 2 or more shanks at intervals of 5 inches to cover the desired treating width. Use thin injection shank(s) and inject METAM SODIUM, 4 inches deep into well-prepared soil. Follow immediately with a bedshaper, roller press wheel, or similar device, or cover with an adequate amount of

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soil to seal the fumigant into the soil. Light watering or a tarp after rolling helps to prevent gas escape. Apply at the rate of 49.2 to 122.9 fluid ounces/1,000 linear feet of bed per chisel (40 to 100 gallons/treated acre) (or see crop-specific considerations in the Additional Information section of this label). Space shanks 5 inches apart to cover the desired treating width. If METAM SODIUM is injected into established plant beds through plastic tarps to terminate growth of a previous crop, and to fumigate the bed in preparation of planting a subsequent crop, the terminated crop must not be used for any food or feed purposes after METAM SODIUM has been applied.

**Soil Covering Method (Bed-over methods)**

METAM SODIUM may be sprayed or dripped in a bed wide band onto the soil immediately ahead of bedshaping equipment. Cover the METAM SODIUM with soil to a depth of 3 to 6 inches. The soil should be rolled and compacted immediately. Apply at the rate of 40 to 100 gallons per acre of treated soil (or see crop-specific considerations in the Additional Information section of this label) or 5.9 to 29.4 fluid ounces per 100 linear feet of row (12-inch wide bed.) If a narrower or wider bed is to be treated, adjust the fluid ounces per 100 linear feet of row to reflect the actual treated acres.

**Rotary Tiller or Power Mulcher**

Spray METAM SODIUM immediately in front of the tiller or mulcher. Use 40 to 100 gallons per treated acre (or see crop-specific considerations in the Additional Information section of this label). Follow immediately with a bedshaper, roller press wheel, or similar device, or cover with an adequate amount of soil to seal the fumigant into the soil. Light watering or a tarp after rolling may be used to help prevent gas escape.

**DRIP IRRIGATION SYSTEM**

**Method of Determining Fluid Ounces per 100 Feet of Linear Row**

- (1) Determine width of treated bed in feet by dividing width of bed in inches by 12. Example: 5 in. bed = 5 in. divided by 12 = 0.4166 feet.
- (2) Determine square feet in 100 linear feet of bed by multiplying the width of the bed by 100. Example: 0.4166 feet x 100 feet = 41.66 square feet.
- (3) Determine the treated acres per 100 linear feet of bed by dividing the square feet by 43,560 (square feet in acre). Example: 41.66 square feet divided by 43,560 = 0.00096 acre.
- (4) To determine the fluid ounces per 100 linear feet.
  - a) 1 gallon = 128 fluid ounces; 50 gallons = 6,400 fluid ounces; 100 gallons = 12,800 fluid ounces
  - b) Multiply fluid ounces by acres. Example: 50 gallons = 6,400 fluid ounces x 0.00096 = 6.14 fluid ounces per 100 linear feet row.

METAM SODIUM must be applied through a drip irrigation system to wet the soil thoroughly in the area being treated. Meter 40 to 75 gallons METAM SODIUM per treated acre into the drip system during the entire irrigation period.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Seed Treatment**

A suitable fungicide should be used to treat all crop seed being planted into the treated soil.

**PEANUTS**

For control of *Cylindrocladium* Black Rot (CBR) and nematodes, apply METAM SODIUM at the rate of 10 gallons per treated acre (8.81 fluid ounces per 100 linear feet of row).

Use with partially resistant cultivators (NC-10C or others as designated by your local Agricultural Extension Service) in cases of severe disease pressure. Plant other varieties only in cases of light CBR pressure.

**Soil Preparations**

Before applying METAM SODIUM, all residues from the previous crop should be decomposed (enhance by fall disking) and plowed under in the spring with a mold-board plow. Soil incorporated preplant herbicides must be applied prior to the application of METAM SODIUM.



**Application**

Apply 8 to 10 inches below seed placement with injector shank or coulter type applicator placed in front of a bedshaper to mark rows. Soil temperatures must be in the range of 60°F to 90°F at a 3-inch depth at time of treatment.

**Tillage and Planting After Application**

Do not mix untreated soil with treated soil by tillage or other cultural practices. Plant the peanuts in the center of the treated beds no earlier than 14 days following the application of METAM SODIUM. An at-planting nematocide treatment will be necessary in fields with heavy infestations of Root Knot, Ring and/or Sting nematodes.

**PEPPERMINT**

*Verticillium Wilt*: When infestation is limited to small spots in a field, the spread of *Verticillium* can be reduced by treating the infected spots. Apply at the rate of up to 100 gallons of METAM SODIUM per treated acre using injector blade or thin shank injector rig. Follow directions for "FIELD APPLICATION WHERE ENTIRE AREA IS BEING TREATED."

**POTATOES**

For suppression of potato pests such as Nematodes, weed seeds and *Verticillium Dahlia* (Early Maturity Disease).

**Soil Injection:** Apply a minimum of 40 gallons per treated acre of METAM SODIUM following the directions for "FIELD APPLICATION WHERE ENTIRE AREA IS BEING TREATED."

**Early Maturity Diseases of Potatoes in the Pacific Northwest**

Apply 40 gallons METAM SODIUM per treated acre using the soil injection method as described in the "FIELD APPLICATION WHERE ENTIRE AREA IS BEING TREATED" section.

**TREATMENT OF TREE REPLANT SITES**

After removing dead or diseased trees and as much of the root system as possible, make a shallow basin over the planting site. Add Metam Sodium to the stream of water while filling the basin. Use 1 quart of METAM SODIUM per 100 square feet in sufficient water (depending on the soil type) to penetrate at least 6 feet. For control of Oak Root fungus, use a basin of at least 20 square feet. Increase dosage to 2 quarts per 100 square feet in sufficient water to penetrate to the depth of the root system. If water is tanked to the planting site, add METAM SODIUM to the water and mix before filling the basin. Tarping of replant sites is required when near (1/2 mile) to populated areas such as schools, hospitals, commercial or office buildings, factories, residential areas, etc. Tarping is not required if treatment is further than 1/2 mile from such populated areas.

**SYMPHYLID SUPPRESSION**

Soil should be in good seedbed condition to a depth of 8 to 10 inches. Maintain adequate moisture during the spring season to bring Symphylids to the upper soil surface. Treat during July to August when Symphylids are in the upper soil surface. Apply a minimum of 20 gallons of METAM SODIUM per treated acre (0.4 pints per 100 square feet of treated soil) using blade or thin blade chisel injectors spaced 5 inches apart. Inject below the level of Symphylid concentration, usually 6 to 8 inches. Pack soil immediately after the application.

**Tobacco Plant Beds**

Fall applications are recommended whenever possible. Read and follow the use directions carefully. Treatment in the South should generally be made before November 30.

**Drench Method**

Apply 2 1/2 gallons METAM SODIUM in 150 to 200 gallons of water per 100 square yards. Application may be made with sprinklers, sprayers with nozzles or any suitable equipment. Follow directions given above for FIELD APPLICATION WHERE ENTIRE AREA IS BEING TREATED.

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**STORAGE AND DISPOSAL**

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

**PESTICIDE STORAGE:** Store product in a cool, dry locked place out of reach of children. Do not store below 32°F. Product crystallizes at lower temperatures. If exposed, warm or store at higher temperatures and mix to redissolve crystals and assure uniformity before use.

**PESTICIDE DISPOSAL:** Pesticides wastes are toxic. Improper disposal of excess pesticide, spray mixture, or rinsate is a violation of Federal law. If these wastes cannot be disposed of 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.

**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 dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or by incineration, or if allowed by State and local authorities by burning. If burned stay out of smoke.

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The manufacturer warrants (a) that this product conforms to the chemical description on the label; (b) that this product is reasonably fit for the purposes set forth in the directions for use, subject to the inherent risks referred to herein, when it is used in accordance with such directions; and (c) that the directions, warnings, and other statements on this label are based upon responsible experts' evaluations of reasonable tests of effectiveness, of toxicity to laboratory animals and to plants and residues on food crops, and upon reports of field experience. Tests have not been made on all varieties of food crops and plants, or in all states or under all conditions.

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