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NOTICE OF PESTICIDE:

Registration
 Reregistration
(under FIFRA, as amended)

Term of Issuance:

Conditional

Name of Pesticide Product:

Paladin Pic-21

Name and Address of Registrant (include ZIP Code):

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Note: Changes in labeling differing in substance from that accepted in connection with this registration must be submitted to and accepted by the Registration Division prior to use of the label in commerce. In any correspondence on this product always refer to the above EPA registration number.

On the basis of information furnished by the registrant, the above named pesticide is hereby registered under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act.

Registration is in no way to be construed as an endorsement or recommendation of this product by the Agency. In order to protect health and the environment, the Administrator, on his motion, may at any time suspend or cancel the registration of a pesticide in accordance with the Act. The acceptance of any name in connection with the registration of a product under this Act is not to be construed as giving the registrant a right to exclusive use of the name or to its use if it has been covered by others.

This product is conditionally registered in accordance with FIFRA section 3(c)(7)(A). You must comply with the following conditions:

1. Submit and/or cite all data required for registration/reregistration/registration review of your product under FIFRA when the Agency requires all registrants of similar products to submit such data.

Signature of Approving Official:

Tony Kish, Product Manager 22
Fungicide Branch, Registration Division (7505P)

Date:

6/14/16

2. You are required to comply with the data requirements described in the DCIs identified below:
 - a. Dimethyl disulfide (DMDS) GDCI-029088-1415
 - b. Chloropicrin GDCI-081501-1399

You must comply with all of the data requirements within the established deadlines. If you have questions about the Generic DCIs listed above, you may contact the Chemical Review Manager in the Pesticide Reevaluation Division:

<http://iaspub.epa.gov/apex/pesticides/f?p=chemicalsearch:1>

3. Make the following label changes before you release the product for shipment:
 - Revise the EPA Registration Number to read, “EPA Reg. No. 55050-7.”
4. Submit one copy of the final printed label for the record before you release the product for shipment.

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.

If you fail to satisfy these data requirements, EPA will consider appropriate regulatory action including, among other things, cancellation under FIFRA section 6(e). Your release for shipment of the product constitutes acceptance of these conditions. A stamped copy of the label is enclosed for your records. Please also note that the record for this product currently contains the following CSFs:

- Basic CSF dated 9/22/2015
- Alternate CSF #1 dated 9/22/2015
- Alternate CSF #2 dated 9/22/2015
- Alternate CSF #3 dated 9/22/2015
- Alternate CSF #4 dated 9/22/2015

If you have any questions, please contact Lindsay Roe by phone at 703-347-0506, or via email at roe.lindsay@epa.gov.

Enclosure

RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDE

Due to inhalation exposure to humans and acute toxicity.
 For retail sale to and use only by Certified Applicators or persons under their direct supervision
 and only for those uses covered by the Certified Applicator's certification.

PALADIN[®]
PIC-21
BY ARKEMA

Soil Fumigant

ACCEPTED
 06/14/2016
 Under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide
 and Rodenticide Act as amended, for the
 pesticide registered under
 EPA Reg. No. 55050-7

For control or suppression of weeds, soil-borne plant pathogens and nematodes in soils to be planted with vegetables (tomatoes, peppers, eggplants), cucurbit crops (cucumber, squash and melons), strawberries, blueberries, field-grown ornamentals, and forest nursery stock where plastic tarp is used for fumigation. For application via raised bed shank injection and broadcast/flat fume methods only.

ACTIVE INGREDIENT:

Dimethyl disulfide..... 78.1%
 Chloropicrin 20.9%

OTHER INGREDIENTS:..... 1.0%

TOTAL:.....100.0%

One gallon weighs 9.51 (est) lbs. at 68° F

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	
IF ON SKIN OR CLOTHING:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Take off contaminated clothing. ▪ Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15 – 20 minutes. ▪ Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.
IF IN EYES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes. ▪ Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing. ▪ Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.
IF INHALED:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Move person to fresh air. ▪ If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth if possible. ▪ Call a poison control center or doctor for further treatment advice.

IF SWALLOWED:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Call a poison control center or doctor immediately for treatment advice. ▪ Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow. ▪ Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by a poison control center or doctor. ▪ Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.
<p>Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor or going for treatment.</p> <p>NOTE TO PHYSICIAN: Chloropicrin is a volatile liquid that is the active ingredient in tear gas. As a gas it is a powerful lachrymator. Early symptoms of exposure are lachrymation, respiratory distress, and vomiting. Pulmonary edema may develop later. Treatment is symptomatic.</p> <p>NOTE TO PHYSICIAN: Probable mucosal damage may contraindicate the use of gastric lavage.</p>	
<p>EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS: FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCIES: (866) 767-5089 (Rocky Mountain Poison Control Center) FOR SPILLS OR TRANSPORTATION EMERGENCIES: (800) 424-9300 (Chemtrec)</p>	

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**PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS
HAZARD TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS
DANGER**

Restricted Use Pesticide due to toxicity categories. For retail sale and use only by Certified Applicators or persons under their direct supervision and only for those uses covered by the Certified Applicator's Certification.

Corrosive. Causes Skin burns. Causes irreversible eye damage. May be fatal if inhaled. Do not breathe vapor or gas. May be fatal if swallowed. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

Prolonged or frequently repeated skin contact may cause allergic reactions in some individuals.

Note: This product contains chloropicrin which is very irritating to the upper respiratory tract, and, even at low levels, can cause painful irritation to the nose, throat, and eyes, producing tearing. If these symptoms occur follow instructions under "Respiratory Protection and Work Stop Triggers" section of this label.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Wear coveralls worn over long-sleeved shirt and long pants, socks, chemical-resistant footwear, and chemical resistant gloves. Gloves made from saranex, neoprene, and chlorinated polyethylene provided short-term contact or splash protection against liquid in the product. Longer term protection is provided by PPE constructed of viton, Teflon, and EVAL barrier laminates (for example, responder suits manufactured by Life-Guard or silvershield gloves manufactured by North). Where chemical-resistant materials are required, leather, canvas, or cotton materials offer no protection from this product and must not be worn as the sole article of protection when contact with this product is possible. Wear full face shield or safety glasses

Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling and before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco, or using the toilet. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for cleaning and maintaining PPE. If no such instructions for washables, use detergent and hot water. Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry.

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

- Coveralls over long sleeved shirt and long pants
- Chemical-resistant gloves,
- Chemical-resistant footwear with socks, and
- Full-face shield or safety glasses with brow, temple and side protection. DO NOT wear goggles.

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

- Long-sleeved shirt and long pants.
- Shoes plus socks.

In addition, when an air-purifying respirator is required, handlers must wear at minimum either:

- A NIOSH certified full facepiece air-purifying respirator equipped with an organic vapor (OV, NIOSH approval prefix TC-23C) cartridge and a particulate pre-filter (Type N, R, P, or HE, NIOSH approval number prefix TC-84A), or
- A gas mask with a canister approved for organic vapor (NIOSH approval number prefix TC-14G).

IMPORTANT: A self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) is not permitted for routine handler tasks.

In emergencies such as a spill or leak or when corrective action is needed to reduce air concentrations to acceptable levels, wear an SCBA. Escape-only SCBA respirators must not be used by handlers for responding to emergencies. In addition wear PPE required for potential contact with liquid fumigant.

See Directions for Use, Protection for Handlers, Respiratory Protection and Stop Work Triggers, number 1 *Handlers*, for when an air-purifying respirator is required.

Tractor drivers and tractor co-pilots may use an enclosed cab provided that the cab has been maintained according to the manufacturer's written operating instructions and there is written documentation that the ventilation system has been maintained according to the manufacturer's instructions and the enclosed cab is in conformance with the following requirements:

- The enclosed cab must maintain a positive pressure of 6 mm H₂O.
- The enclosed cab must have a minimum air intake flow of 43 m³/hour.
- The enclosed cab must be equipped with activated charcoal filter media containing no less than 1000 grams of activated charcoal.
- The filter must be changed after no more than 50 hours of application time.

See Directions for Use, Protection for Handlers, Respiratory Protection and Stop Work Triggers, number 2, *Tractor Drivers and Tractor Co-Pilots in Enclosed Cabs* for when an air-purifying respirator is required.

USER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- Remove all clothing that comes in contact with liquid material at once.
- Aerate all affected clothing thoroughly outdoors prior to washing.
- Discard clothing and other absorbent materials that have been drenched or heavily contaminated with this product's concentrate. Do not reuse them.
- 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.

USER SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

Users should:

- Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco, or using the toilet.
- Remove clothing/PPE immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then wash skin 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

Do not apply directly to water or to areas where surface water is present or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwater or rinsate.

Dimethyl disulfide and chloropicrin have certain properties and characteristics in common with chemicals that have been detected in groundwater (dimethyl disulfide and chloropicrin are highly soluble in water and have low adsorption to soil).

PHYSICAL OR CHEMICAL HAZARDS

This product contains flammable liquid and vapor with a flash point of 65.3°F. *Flammable - Store in a well ventilated area away from heat and sources of ignition such as flame, sparks and static electricity. Ensure that all storage and handling equipment is properly rated, grounded and installed to satisfy electrical classification requirements. Static electricity may accumulate and create a fire hazard. All storage containers must be bonded and grounded during filling operations. Store away from oxidizers and reactive materials. Keep container tightly closed. Precautions must be taken to prevent the ignition of flammable vapors when/where present by sources such as open flames, lightning, hot surfaces, radiant heat, smoking, cutting and welding, spontaneous ignition, frictional heat or sparks, static electricity, electrical sparks, stray currents, ovens, furnaces, and heating equipment. Observe all federal, state and local regulations and National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) Codes which pertain to the specific local conditions of storage and use, including OSHA 29 CFR 1910.106 and NFPA 30, 55, 70, 77 and 497.*

Do not use containers or application equipment made of magnesium, aluminum, or their alloys, as under certain conditions this fumigant may be severely corrosive to such metals.. Containers, pumps, and other transfer equipment made of brass, copper, or their alloys may corrode when in contact with PALADIN® PIC-21. Observe the equipment used for obvious corrosion and replace equipment as necessary. Stainless steel is a preferred material. [See the Calibration, Set-up, Repair and Maintenance for Application Rigs section of this labeling for further requirements for application equipment.] Do not permit water to be used to clean the fumigant pressure system, as corrosion will result. Diesel oil is satisfactory for this purpose.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Restricted Use Pesticide.

It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in any manner inconsistent with its labeling. Read entire label before using this product.

Do not apply this product in a way that will contact workers or other persons, either directly or through drift. Only handlers may be in the application block from the start of the application until the entry restricted period ends, and in the buffer zone during the buffer zone period. For any requirements specific to your State or Tribe, consult the agency responsible for pesticide regulation.

Agricultural Use Requirements

Use this product only in accordance with its labeling and with the Worker Protection Standard, 40 CFR Part 170. This standard contains requirements for the protection of agricultural workers on farms, forests, nurseries, and greenhouses, and handlers of agricultural pesticides. It contains requirements for training, decontamination, notification, and emergency assistance. The requirements in this box apply to uses of this product that are covered by the Worker Protection Standard (WPS).

No instructions elsewhere on this labeling relieve users from complying with the requirements of the WPS.

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

Terms Used in This Labeling

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

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

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

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

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

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

Entry Restricted Period: This period begins at the start of the application and expires depending on the application method and if tarps are used when the tarps are perforated and removed. Entry into the application block during this period is only allowed for appropriately PPE-equipped handlers performing handling tasks. See the *Entry Restricted Period and Notification* section for additional information.

Buffer Zone: An area established around the perimeter of each application block. The buffer zone must extend outward from the edge of the application block perimeter equally in all directions.

Buffer Zone Period: Begins at the start of the application and lasts for a minimum of 48-hours after the application is complete. Non-handlers must be excluded from the buffer zone during the buffer zone period.

Difficult to Evacuate Sites: Pre-K to Grade 12 schools, state licensed daycare centers, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, hospitals, in-patient clinics, and prisons.

Owner: Any person who has a present possessory interest (fee, leasehold, rental, or other) in an agricultural establishment. A person who has both leased such agricultural establishment to another person and granted that same person the right and full authority to manage and govern the use of such agricultural establishment is not an owner. See definition of “owner” in WPS (40 CFR §170.3).

Roadway: Portion of a street or highway improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, exclusive of the sidewalk or shoulder even if such sidewalk or shoulder is used by persons riding bicycles. In the event a highway includes two or more separated roadways, the term *roadway* shall refer to any such roadway separately.

Representative Handling Task: For air monitoring, the locations and handler activities sampled must represent each handler's exposure occurring within the application block. For example, for an application consisting of a seven-handler crew (1 tractor driver, 1 tractor co-pilot, 4 shovelers, and 1 certified applicator supervising) two breathing zone samples could be collected: one sample for the tractor co-pilot and one sample for a downwind shoveler. Results of previous sampling may indicate which tasks and locations are worst case and therefore representative of all handlers.

Certified Applicator Training

Any certified applicator supervising a soil fumigant application must have successfully completed one of the soil fumigant training programs listed on the following EPA website www.epa.gov/fumiganttraining for the active ingredients in this product. The training must be completed in the time frames listed on the website. The FMP must document the date and location where the soil fumigant training program was completed.

Product Information

PALADIN® PIC-21 is a preplant liquid fumigant for the treatment of soil borne pests on land suitable for the cultivation of crops. PALADIN® PIC-21 can be used in pest management programs (chemical, cultural, biological, varieties) and pest control disciplines (nematology, plant pathology, weed control) in a systematic approach to pest management decisions.

Prior to fumigation, it is important to know the history of the field planned for treatment. Soil sampling for the type and number of pests present should be conducted prior to treatment. In fields where soil samples indicate the presence of high populations of nematodes, soil pathogens and weeds, it cannot be expected that entire populations can be eradicated. Therefore, soil sampling and crop modeling after treatment should be done to determine if additional pest management measures are needed.

Consult your agricultural advisor, University contact or Extension Service for recommended pest management practices for your area. Use recommended integrated pest management practices so that you are not solely relying on chemical control in your crop production. Use post-harvest weed control, destruction of crop residues, and other cultural practices that may aid in the reduction of soil borne pests for the next cropping season.

Restrictions and Use Precautions

- Soil fumigation with PALADIN® PIC-21 must be used in compliance with all directions and use conditions described in this label.
- The use of this product is restricted to the methods described in this label.
- Chemigation: Do not apply through any type of irrigation system.
- This product is not for use in greenhouses.
- This product is not for residential use.
- Tarps are required for all PALADIN® PIC-21 applications. See <http://www.epa.gov/soil-fumigants/tarps-approved-use-dimethyl-disulfide-dmids-products> for a list of tarps that have been approved for use with DMDS containing products. Only tarps on this website can be used for Paladin® P-21 applications.

- NOTE: In Florida, only the high barrier films listed under “Tarps Approved for Use with DMDS Applications In Florida” on EPA’s Soil Fumigant site are permitted for use.
- This fumigant is a highly hazardous material and must be handled with care only by certified applicators or persons under their direct supervision who are trained with its proper use.
- Comply with all local ordinances and regulations. Obtain an application permit from Agricultural Regulatory Agencies as required.
- Applications are limited to 40 contiguous acres or less per day.
- Obtain medical assistance at once in case of illness after exposure, and do not allow conditions which could accidentally cause further exposure until recovery is complete.
- Never fumigate alone. A minimum of two persons must be present during handling and application of soil fumigants.
- Drivers of application equipment must advise other workers of all precautions and procedures. In addition, drivers must instruct their helpers in the mechanical operation of the tractor and how to work with the tractor driver while fumigating.
- Additional instructions must be made available to handlers in the mechanical operation of the tractor and how to safely work with the operator while fumigating.
- Always handle this product in the open, with all handlers positioned “upwind” from the container and/or where there is adequate ventilation.
- When fumigating from a tractor, it is required that 5 gallons of water be carried on the tractor and readily available for rinsing and cleaning purposes. An additional 5 gallons of water must be available in the service truck. This water must be potable and in containers marked “Decontamination water not to be used for drinking”.
- For raised bed applications, keep all pets, livestock and other domestic animals out of the treated areas for 12 days. Most raised bed applications will not result in tarp removal.
- For broadcast flat-fume applications, keep all pets, livestock and other domestic animals out of the treated areas until tarps have been removed.
- **Recontamination:** PALADIN® PIC-21 will control or suppress those pests in the fumigation zone at the time of treatment. It will not control pests that are introduced into the soil after treatment. Precautions should be taken to prevent contamination of treated fields with weed seed, plant pathogenic fungi, and plant parasitic nematodes. Farm equipment should be clean before entering treated fields. Equipment should be rinsed free of soil and weed seeds from other fields. Avoid the use of irrigation water, transplants, seed pieces and/or soil, which could carry soil borne pests from infested land.
- **Equipment Cleaning Procedures:** Because PALADIN® PIC-21 is corrosive under certain conditions, flush all application equipment with water and dispose of rinsate by incorporation into a field just treated or by other approved means. To prevent corrosion, where appropriate, lubricate with fuel oil, kerosene or similar type of petroleum solvent immediately after use. Fill pumps and meters with new motor oil or a 50% motor oil/fuel oil mixture before storing. **Do not use water for long-term storage.** Unused PALADIN® PIC-21 or rinsate must never be introduced into surface or ground water.
- **Fertility Interactions:** Fumigation may temporarily reduce nitrification in the soil, thus increasing levels of ammonium nitrogen and soluble ammonium salts to potentially phytotoxic levels. Accumulation of the ammonium nitrogen and salts is most likely to occur when maximum rates of fumigant and fertilizer are applied to soils that are acidic, wet, cold, or high in organic matter. Acid soils should be limed before fumigation to stimulate nitrification and to reduce possible ammonium toxicity. To avoid injury to crops grown in high organic soils, fertilizers containing ammonium salts are not recommended.
- Failure to meet these conditions may result in unsatisfactory product performance:
 - **Application Timing:** PALADIN® PIC-21 can be applied at any time of the year when soil and weather conditions permit (see following sections). Conditions that allow rapid diffusion of the fumigant as a gas/liquid through the soil will normally give the best results. Because PALADIN® PIC-21 could be injurious to established vegetation, it should only be used as a preplant application.

- **Odor During Application:** PALADIN® PIC-21 can range from garlic-like to propane-like odor. Some level of odor may be evident during application, however any strong odors during application are a signal that the fumigant is escaping and not properly sealed in the soil. Equipment should be checked for leaks. Tears in the tarp should be repaired immediately.

Handlers

The following activities are prohibited from being performed by anyone other than persons who have been appropriately trained and equipped as handlers in accordance with the requirements in WPS (40 CFR Part 170):

- Monitoring fumigant air concentrations;
- Cleaning up fumigant spills (this does not include emergency personnel not associated with the application);
- Handling or disposing of fumigant containers;
- Cleaning, handling, adjusting, or repairing the parts of application equipment that may contain fumigant residues; and
- Performing any handling tasks as defined by the WPS (40 CFR 170).

The following activities are prohibited from being performed in the application block from the start of the application until the entry restricted period ends and in the buffer zone during the buffer zone period by anyone other than persons who have been appropriately trained and equipped as handlers in accordance with the requirements in WPS (40 CFR Part 170).

NOTE: persons installing, perforating, removing, repairing, and monitoring tarps are considered handlers for the durations listed below. Prohibited activities (except for trained and equipped handlers) include:

- Participating in the application as supervisors, loaders, drivers, tractor co-pilots, shovelers, cross ditchers, or as other direct application participants;
- Installing, repairing, operating, or removing irrigation equipment;
- Performing scouting, crop advising, or monitoring tasks;
- Installing, perforating (cutting, punching, slicing, poking), removing, repairing, or monitoring tarps:
 - until 21 days after application is complete, if tarps are not perforated and not removed for 21 days after application, or
 - until 48 hours after tarp perforation is complete if tarps are perforated less than 21 days after the application is complete and tarps will not be removed prior to planting, or
 - until tarp removal is completed if tarps are removed less than 21 days after the application is complete.
- NOTE: see *Tarp Perforation and/or Removal* section on this labeling for requirements about when tarps are allowed to be perforated.

Handlers do not include local, state, or federal officials performing inspection, sampling, or other similar official duties.

Protection for Handlers

Supervision of Handlers

For all applications from the start of the application until the application is complete, a certified applicator must be at the application block in the line of sight of the application and must directly supervise all persons performing handling activities.

For handling activities that take place after the application is complete until the entry restricted period expires, the certified applicator is not required to be on-site, but must have communicated in a manner that can be understood by the site owner 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).

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

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

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

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

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

The certified applicator supervising the application and the owner of the establishment where the application is taking place must make sure that all persons who are not trained and PPE-equipped and who are not performing one of the handling tasks as stated in this labeling are:

- excluded from the application block during the entry restricted period, and
- excluded from the buffer zone during the buffer zone period (see buffer zone exemption for transit on roadways in Buffer Zone Requirement section).

Local, state, or federal officials performing inspection, sampling, or other similar official duties are not excluded from the application block or the buffer zone by this labeling. The certified applicator supervising the application and the owner of the establishment where the application is taking place are not authorized to, or responsible for, excluding those officials from the application block or the buffer zone.

Providing, Cleaning, and Maintaining PPE:

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.

Air-Purifying Respirator Availability:

The employer of any handler must confirm that an air-purifying respirator and appropriate cartridges/canisters of the type specified in the *PPE* section of this labeling are immediately available for each handler who will wear one. At a minimum two handlers must have the appropriate air-purifying respirator and cartridges/canisters available (see *Respirator Fit Testing, Medical Qualification, and Training* section for additional requirements).

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

Cartridges or canisters must be replaced when odor or sensory irritation from this product becomes apparent during use, if the measured concentration of DMDS is greater than or equal to 550 ppb, or after 8 hours of cumulative use, whichever occurs first.

Respirator Fit Testing, Medical Qualification, and Training:

Using a program that conforms to OSHA's requirements (see 29 CFR Part 1910.134), employers must verify that any handler who uses a respirator is:

- Fit-tested and fit-checked,
- Trained, and
- Examined by a qualified medical practitioner to ensure physical ability to safely wear the style of respirator to be worn. A qualified medical practitioner is a physician or other licensed health care professional who will evaluate the ability of a worker to wear a respirator. The initial evaluation consists of a questionnaire that asks about medical 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.

- Upon request by local/state/federal/tribal enforcement personnel, employers must provide documentation demonstrating how they have complied with these requirements.

The employer of any handler must confirm that at least one self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) is at the application block during handler activities and is ready for use in case of an emergency

Respiratory Protection and Stop Work Triggers

1. Handlers

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 (except for fumigant site monitoring outside of the buffer zone) as stated in this label. Follow the procedures below according to the chemical effects being experienced:

- DMDS Odor Detection with no sensory irritation
 - If at any time any handler detects the garlic-like odor from DMDS in this product then either:
 - An air-purifying respirator (full face piece or gas mask) must be worn by all handlers who remain in the application block or surrounding buffer zone, or
 - Operations must cease and handlers not wearing an air-purifying respirator must leave the application block or surrounding buffer zone.
 - Handlers can remove air-purifying respirators or resume operations if two consecutive breathing zone samples taken at the handling site at least 15 minutes apart show that
 - levels of DMDS have decreased to less than 55 ppb
 - During the collection of air samples, an air-purifying respirator (full facepiece or gas mask) must be worn by the handler taking the air samples. Samples must be taken at the location where the odor is first detected.
 - If sampling is not done for DMDS and no sensory irritation was experienced on initial exposure, after one hour and at hourly intervals thereafter, handlers can remove their air-purifying respirators momentarily to determine if the garlic-like odor is still detectable. If detectable, the respirator must be put back on. If sensory irritation from chloropicrin is detected at any time, refer to the requirements to follow.
 - When using devices to monitor air concentration levels, a direct read detection device, such as an electronic device or a colorimetric device (e.g., Matheson-Kitagawa, Draeger, or Sensidyne) must be used. Persons using direct read detection devices must follow the manufacturer's directions. The devices must have sensitivity of at least:
 - 55 ppb for DMDS.
 - When breathing zone samples are required, they must be taken outside respiratory protection equipment and within a 10 inch radius of the handler's nose and mouth.
- Chloropicrin Sensory Irritation (with or without DMDS Odor Detection)
 - If at any time any time any handler experiences sensory irritation (tearing, burning of the eyes or nose) from Chloropicrin, then either:
 - An air-purifying respirator (full face piece or gas mask) must be worn by all handlers who remain in the application block or surrounding buffer zone, or

- Operations must cease and handlers not wearing an air-purifying respirator must leave the application block or surrounding buffer zone.
- If at any time: (1) a handler experiences sensory irritation when wearing an air-purifying respirator (full face piece or gas mask), or (2) a chloropicrin air sample is greater than or equal to 1.5 ppm, then all handler activities must cease and handlers must be removed from the application block and surrounding buffer zone
- When air-purifying respirators (full face piece or gas mask) are worn, air monitoring samples must be collected at least every 2 hours in the breathing zone of a handler performing repetitive tasks
- Provided that no sensory irritation is experienced and the smell of DMDS is not detected, handlers can remove air-purifying respirators if two consecutive breathing zone samples taken at the handling site at least 15 minutes apart show that
 - levels of chloropicrin have decreased to less than 0.15 ppm and
 - levels of DMDS have decreased to less than 55 ppb
- Handlers may resume work activities without air-purifying respirators (full face piece or gas mask) if two consecutive readings taken at least 15 minutes apart and at the location where the irritation was first detected or where the samples were greater than 1.5 ppm show that
 - levels of chloropicrin have decreased to less than 0.15 ppm and
 - levels of DMDS have decreased to less than 55 ppb
- During the collection of air samples, an air-purifying respirator (full face piece or gas mask) must be worn by the handler taking the air samples.
- When using devices to monitor air concentration levels, a direct read detection device, such as an electronic device or a colorimetric device (e.g., Matheson-Kitagawa, Draeger, or Sensidyne) must be used. Persons using direct read detection devices must follow the manufacturer's directions. The devices must have sensitivity of at least:
 - 0.15 ppm for chloropicrin
 - 55 ppb for DMDS.
- When breathing zone samples are required, they must be taken outside respiratory protection equipment and within a 10 inch radius of the handler's nose and mouth.
- Handlers can resume all work activities if all of the following conditions exist provided an air purifying respirator (full face piece or gas mask) is worn:
 - Two consecutive breathing zone samples for chloropicrin taken at least 15 minutes apart must be less than 1.5 ppm.
 - Handlers do not experience sensory irritation while wearing air purifying respirators (full face piece or gas mask), and
 - Filter cartridges / canisters have been changed
 - During the collection of air samples, an air-purifying mask must be worn by the handler taking the samples. Samples must be taken at the location where the irritation was first experienced or where the sample(s) were greater than 1.5 ppm

2. Tractor drivers and Tractor Co-Pilots in Enclosed Cabs

The following procedures must be followed to determine whether an air-purifying (full facepiece or gas mask) respirator is required or if operations must cease for tractor drivers and tractor co-pilots in enclosed cabs. When air-purifying respirators (full facepiece or gas mask) are worn, air monitoring samples must be collected at least every 2 hours in the breathing zone of a handler performing a representative handling task. Follow procedure below according to the chemical effects being experienced:

- DMDS Odor Detection with no sensory irritation

- If at any time the tractor driver or tractor co-pilot detects the garlic-like odor from DMDS in this product then either:
 - An air-purifying respirator must be worn by the tractor drivers or tractor co-pilots who remain in the application block or surrounding buffer zone, or
 - Operations must cease and tractor drivers or tractor co-pilots not wearing an air-purifying respirator must leave the application block or buffer zone.
 - Tractor drivers and tractor co-pilots can remove air-purifying respirators or resume operations if two consecutive breathing zone samples taken at the handling site at least 15 minutes apart show that
 - levels of DMDS have decreased to less than 55 ppb
 - During the collection of air samples, an air-purifying respirator (full facepiece or gas mask) must be worn by the handler taking the air samples. Samples must be taken at the location where the odor is first detected.
 - If sampling is not done for DMDS and no sensory irritation was experienced on initial exposure, after one hour and at hourly intervals thereafter, handlers can remove their air-purifying respirators momentarily to determine if the garlic-like odor is still detectable. If detectable, the respirator must be put back on. If sensory irritation from chloropicrin is detected at any time, refer to the requirements to follow.
 - When using devices to monitor air concentration levels, a direct read detection device, such as an electronic device or a colorimetric device (e.g., Matheson-Kitagawa, Draeger, or Sensidyne) must be used. Persons using direct read detection devices must follow the manufacturer's directions. The devices must have sensitivity of at least:
 - 55 ppb for DMDS.
 - When breathing zone samples are required, they must be taken outside respiratory protection equipment and within a 10 inch radius of the handler's nose and mouth.
- Chloropicrin Sensory Irritation (with or without DMDS Odor Detection)
 - If at any time any time tractor driver or tractor co-pilot experiences sensory irritation (tearing, burning of the eyes or nose) from Chloropicrin, then either:
 - An air-purifying respirator must be worn by the tractor drivers or tractor co-pilots who remain in the application block or surrounding buffer zone, or
 - Operations must cease and tractor drivers or tractor co-pilots not wearing an air-purifying respirator must leave the application block or buffer zone.
 - If at any time: (1) a handler experiences sensory irritation when wearing an air-purifying respirator (full face piece or gas mask), or (2) a chloropicrin air sample is greater than or equal to 1.5 ppm, then all handler activities must cease and handlers must be removed from the application block and surrounding buffer zone
 - Provided that no sensory irritation is experienced and the smell of DMDS is not detected, Tractor drivers and tractor co-pilots can remove air-purifying respirators or resume operations if two consecutive breathing zone samples taken at the handling site at least 15 minutes apart show that
 - levels of chloropicrin have decreased to less than 0.15 ppm and
 - levels of DMDS have decreased to less than 55 ppb
 - During the collection of air samples, an air-purifying respirator (full face piece or gas mask) must be worn by the handler taking the air samples. Samples must be taken at the location where the irritation is first detected.

- Tractor drivers and tractor co-pilots can resume work activities without air-purifying respirators (full face piece or gas mask) if two consecutive readings taken at least 15 minutes apart and at the location where the irritation was first detected or where the samples were greater than 1.5 ppm show that
 - levels of chloropicrin have decreased to less than 0.15 ppm and
 - levels of DMDS have decreased to less than 55 ppb
- During the collection of air samples, an air-purifying respirator (full face piece or gas mask) must be worn by the handler taking the air samples.
- When using devices to monitor air concentration levels, a direct read detection device, such as an electronic device or a colorimetric device (e.g., Matheson-Kitagawa, Draeger, or Sensidyne) must be used. Persons using direct read detection devices must follow the manufacturer's directions. The devices must have sensitivity of at least:
 - 0.15 ppm for chloropicrin
 - 55 ppb for DMDS.
- When breathing zone samples are required, they must be taken outside respiratory protection equipment and within a 10 inch radius of the handler's nose and mouth.
- If operations cease, operations may resume in the enclosed cab provided that:
 - Two consecutive DMDS samples taken in the breathing zone of the tractor drivers or tractor co-pilots at least 15 minutes apart must be less than 55 ppb or tractor drivers and tractor co-pilots do not detect the garlic-like odor, and
 - two consecutive breathing zone samples for chloropicrin taken at the handling site at least 15 minutes apart must be less than 0.15 ppm.
 - handlers do not experience sensory irritation while wearing the air-purifying (full face piece or gas mask), and
 - filter cartridges/canisters have been changed.
 - During the collection of air samples an air-purifying respirator (full face piece or gas mask) must be worn by the handler taking the air samples.
 - If air samples are taken, an air-purifying respirator must be worn by the handler taking the air samples. Samples must be taken where the odor is first detected or 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 *Handlers* section), and they must be provided the PPE and other protections for handlers as required on this labeling and in the Worker Protection Standard for Agricultural Pesticides.

- Tarps must not be perforated until a minimum of 12 days have elapsed after the application is complete, unless a weather condition exists which necessitates early tarp removal (see *Early Tarp Removal for Broadcast Applications Only* requirements).
- If tarps are perforated within 21 days after the application is complete, tarp removal must not begin until at least 2 hours after tarp perforation is complete.
- If tarps are not perforated or removed within 21 days after the application is complete, planting or transplanting may take place while the tarps are being perforated. See the *GAPs* section for planting interval requirements.
- Tarps may be perforated manually ONLY for the following situations:
 - At the beginning of each row when a coulter blade (or other device which performs similarly) is used on a motorized vehicle such as an ATV.
 - In fields that are 1 acre or less.
- In all other instances tarps must be perforated (cut, punched, poked, or sliced) only by mechanical methods.

- Each tarp panel used for broadcast application must be perforated.
- Tarp perforation for broadcast applications must be completed before noon.
- For broadcast applications, tarps must not be perforated if rainfall is expected within 12 hours.
- Early Tarp Removal for Broadcast Applications Only:
 - Tarps may be removed before the required 12 days 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.

Entry Restricted Period and Notification

Entry Restricted Period: Entry into the application block (including early entry that would otherwise be permitted under the WPS) 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 application is complete if tarps are not perforated and removed for at least 21 days after application is complete, or
- 48 hours after tarp perforation is complete if tarps will be perforated within 21 days after the application is complete and will not be removed for at least 21 days after the application is complete, or
- tarp removal is completed if tarps are both perforated and removed less than 21 days after the application is complete.

NOTES:

- See *Tarp Perforation and/or Removal* section on this labeling for requirement about when tarps are allowed to be perforated.
- When listing application information for soil fumigant applications to comply with part 170.122 of the WPS, list the entry restricted period time frame in place of the REI.

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

- (1) "DANGER / PELIGRO"
- (2) "Areas under fumigation, DO NOT ENTER/NO ENTRE"
- (3) Dimethyl Disulfide and Chloropicrin Fumigant In Use
- (4) Date and time of fumigation
- (5) Date and time entry restricted period is over
- (6) PALADIN® PIC-21, and
- (7) Name, address, and telephone number of the Certified Applicator in charge of the fumigation.

Post the Fumigant Treated Area sign instead of the WPS sign for this application, but follow all WPS requirements pertaining to location, legibility, text size, and sign size (40 CFR §170.120).

Post Fumigant Treated Area signs at all entrances to the application block no sooner than 24 hours prior to application.

Fumigant Treated Area signs must remain posted for no less than the duration of the entry restricted period.

Fumigant Treated Area signs must be removed within 3 days after the end of the entry restricted period.

Mandatory Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs)

The following GAPs must be followed during all fumigant applications.

- PALADIN® PIC-21 must be transferred through connecting hoses, pipes, and/or couplings sufficiently tight to prevent workers or other persons from coming in contact with the liquid.
- All hoses, piping, and tanks used in connection with this product shall be of a type appropriate for use under the pressure and vacuum conditions to be encountered.
- Hoses between any fumigant container and the flow divider must be Teflon® hoses reinforced with stainless steel wire braid or its equivalent.
- External sight gauges, if applicable, shall be equipped with a valve so that pipes to sight gauge can be shut off in case of breakage or leakage.
- The mechanical transfer system must be adequate to make necessary measurements of the pesticide being used.
- Shut-off devices must be installed on the exit end of all cylinder connections and at all disconnect points to prevent leakage of product when the transfer is stopped and hose is removed or disconnected.
- The pressure in hoses used to move the product must not exceed the manufacturer's maximum pressure specifications.
- Check equipment to ensure good condition and integrity prior to each use.

Planting Interval

- To minimize the potential for crop injury, allow the fumigant to dissipate before planting a crop. Seeds may be used as a bioassay to determine if PALADIN® PIC-21 is present in the soil at concentrations sufficient to cause plant injury. (See Lettuce Seed Test and Tomato Transplant Test).
- Subsurface (Seepage) Irrigation - Raising the water table into the injection zone prior to planting will reduce PALADIN® PIC-21 efficacy and increase plant-back interval
- Planting must not occur for at least 21 days after the application is complete.
- **Planting Intervals following application**

The planting interval should be determined based on mean daily low soil temperature at 8" depth.

Soil Temperature	Planting Intervals following application
50 – 54°F	42 days after the application is complete
55 – 60°F	35 days after the application is complete
61 – 70°F	28 days after the application is complete
71°F and higher	21 days after the application is complete

The length of time may vary for PALADIN® PIC-21 to dissipate from the soil before transplanting and seeding safely. Circumstances which do not favor the dissipation of PALADIN® PIC-21 can lengthen the plant-back interval. The plant-back interval is lengthened with (1) heavy soil, (2) low soil temperatures, (3) high soil moisture. If in doubt, perform either the lettuce seed test or the tomato transplant test as described below.

Lettuce Seed Test

1. Dig into the treated soil with a trowel to or just below the depth of planting. Remove 2 to 4 small soil samples (approximately 1 to 2 ounces each), mix lightly, and immediately place each sample into an air-tight jar so that fumes will not escape. Use jars with gas-tight lids. Moisten the soil samples and cap immediately.
2. Uncap the jar, sprinkle lettuce seeds on the moistened surface of the soil and recap immediately. Prepare an additional jar in the same manner using untreated soil (untreated check) for comparison.

3. Store the jars at 65° F to 85° F; do not place in direct sunlight. Direct sunlight may overheat the soil in the jars and kill the seed. Lettuce seed will not germinate in the dark.
4. Inspect the jars in 1 to 3 days to look for germination.
5. The treated soil is acceptable for planting if the seeds in the treated jar germinate the same as the seeds in the untreated (check) jar.

NOTE: Be sure (1) to take soil samples from the field in several areas, particularly low, wet areas; (2) that the jar lids are air-tight and do not have grit under the seal which may prevent proper sealing; and (3) that the jars are placed in indirect sunlight and not in the dark.

Tomato Transplant Test

Transplant 5 to 10 succulent, fast-growing tomato seedlings into fumigated beds approximately 4 to 6 inches deep. Also transplant 5 to 10 tomato seedlings in a non-fumigated area to serve as untreated checks. If there is variation in the field, plant into the wettest, heaviest soil. Inspect the tomato transplants in 2 days for wilting or "root burn." If plants in the fumigated zone look the same as those in the non-fumigated zone, it is acceptable to plant in the treated area.

Which Test Method to Use?

Both the lettuce seed and tomato transplant tests are appropriate and can serve the purpose. The response of tomato seedlings varies somewhat depending on how succulent they are, temperature, soil moisture, relative humidity, and other weather and soil factors. Relative differences between plants in fumigated and non-fumigated areas are key to detecting low-level residue effects. High soil concentrations of fumigant should produce clear-cut symptoms. The lettuce seed test in jars is not subject to the variations in the field that can affect the tomato transplant test. However, the process of collecting a soil samples for the lettuce seed test has the potential to allow 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.

Tarps (the use of tarps is required for all PALADIN® PIC-21 applications, see <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/dmids-tarps> for the list of tarps that have been approved for use with this product. NOTE: In Florida, only the high barrier films listed under "Tarps Approved for Use with DMDS Applications In Florida" on EPA's Soil Fumigant site are permitted for use.

- A written tarp plan must be developed and included in the FMP.
- Once a tarp is perforated, the application is no longer considered tarped.
- Tarps must be installed immediately after the fumigant is applied to the soil and must be kept in place a minimum of 12 days.
- For broadcast applications, the applicator must ensure that the high barrier tarp can be securely glued.

Weather Conditions

- To determine if unfavorable weather conditions exist or are predicted (see Identifying Unfavorable Weather Conditions section) and whether an application should proceed, the National Weather Service weather forecast must be checked by the certified applicator supervising the application:
 - on the day of, but prior to the start of the application, and
 - on a daily basis during the application if the time period from the start of the application until the application is complete is greater than 24 hours.
- Do not apply if an air stagnation advisory issued by the National Weather Service is in effect for the area in which the application is planned, during the application, or the 48 hours after the application is complete.
- Do not apply if light wind conditions (< 2 mph) are forecast to persist for more than 18 consecutive hours from the time the application starts until 48 hours after the application is complete.
- Detailed National Weather Service forecasts for local weather conditions, wind speed, and air stagnation advisories may be obtained on-line at: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov>, on NOAA weather radio, or by contacting 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 within an hour prior to sunset and continue past sunrise and may 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 Preparation

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

Prior to All Applications

- Ensure that application equipment does not contain components made of natural rubber, aluminum, magnesium or their alloys.

During All Applications

- Do not change cylinders when the fumigant system is under pressure. Change cylinders with all cylinder valves in the off position.

Following Applications

- The area can be irrigated with overhead sprinklers (with about 0.25 inches of water) within a few hours of completing the application and again within 12 – 24 hours of the fumigation to aid in chemical retention, reducing volatilization and reducing odor emissions escaping from the untarped row middles.

Mandatory Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) for PALADIN® PIC-21 Tarped-Bedded and Tarp-Broadcast Shank Applications

In addition to the GAPs required for all PALADIN® PIC-21 soil fumigation applications, the following GAPs apply for bedded and broadcast shank injection applications:

Soil Preparation

- Allow time for complete voiding of material in the buried shanks following the closure of the shutoff valve and before removing the shanks from the soil.
- In the event that trash is pulled up with the shanks after completing a treatment pass, the trash must be covered with the tarp and the edges of the tarp must be buried under at least 4 inches of compacted soil before making the next pass through the field.

Soil Temperature

- The soil temperature at the depth of injection must not be less than 45° F or exceed 90° F at the beginning of the application.
- If air temperatures have been above 100° F in any of the three days prior to the start of the application, then soil temperature must be measured and recorded in the FMP. Record

temperature measurements at the application depth. If application will be made below 12 inches, record the temperature at both 12 inches and at application depth.

Soil Moisture

- It is critical to manage soil moisture properly before fumigation. Plan fumigation for seasons, crop rotations, or irrigation schedules, which leave moisture in the soil. Applications should be made only to fields with appropriate soil moisture conditions.
- The soil moisture must be at least 75% of available water capacity from 2 inches below the soil surface to a depth of 9 inches below the surface. Surface soil generally dries rapidly and must not be considered in this determination.
- Soil moisture must be determined by one of the following methods:
 - The USDA Feel and Appearance Method for testing, or
 - An instrument, such as a tensiometer.
- If there is less than 75% available water capacity 9 inches below the surface, the soil moisture must be adjusted. If irrigation is not available and there is adequate soil moisture below 9 inches, soil moisture can be brought to the surface by tillage before fumigant injection. To conserve existing soil moisture, pretreatment irrigation or pretreatment tillage should be done as close to the time of application as possible.
- Measure soil moisture at a depth of 9 inches at either end of the field, no more than 48 hours prior to application.

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

- For **coarse** textured soils (fine sand and loamy fine sand) there must be enough moisture (75% available water capacity) so the soil is moist, forms a weak ball with loose and clustered sand grains on fingers, darkened color, moderate water staining on fingers; will not ribbon.
- For **moderately coarse** textured soils (sandy loam and fine sandy loam) there must be enough moisture (75% available water capacity) so the soil is moist, forms a ball with defined finger marks, very light soil/water staining on fingers, darkened color will not stick.
- For **medium** textured soils (sandy clay loam, loam, and silt loam) there must be enough moisture (75% available water capacity) so the soil is moist, forms a ball, very light staining on fingers, darkened color, pliable, and forms a weak ribbon between the thumb and forefinger.
- For **fine** textured soils (clay, clay loam, and silty clay loam) there must be enough moisture (75% available water capacity) so the soil is moist, forms 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. Whenever possible, the field should be divided into areas of similar soil texture and the soil moisture of each area should be adjusted as needed. Coarser textured soils can be fumigated under conditions of higher soil moisture than finer textured soils; however, if the soil moisture is too high, fumigant movement will be retarded and effectiveness of the treatment will be reduced. Previous 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 agent, soil conservationist, or pest control advisor (agriculture consultant) should be consulted for assistance.

Application Depth

- **For Tarped-Bedded and Tarp-Broadcast Applications:** The injection point must be a minimum of 8 inches from the nearest final soil/air interface. The application depth in preformed beds must not be below the bed furrow.

Prevention of End Row Spillage

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

Calibration, Set-up, Repair, and Maintenance for Application Rigs

- Brass, carbon steel or stainless steel fittings must be used throughout. Fluoropolymer (PTFE or PVDF) tubing or fluoropolymer-lined steel braided tubing must be used for all low pressure lines, drain lines, and compressed gas or air pressure lines. All other tubing must be fluoropolymer (PTFE or PVDF)-lined steel braided.
- Do not store PALADIN® PIC-21 in polyethylene tubing. Polyethylene tubing may swell or soften over time. Fluoropolymer (PTFE or PVDF) tubing is preferred for PALADIN® PIC-21 service.
- Galvanized, PVC, nylon or aluminum pipe fittings must not be used.
- All rigs must include a filter to remove any particulates from the fumigant, and for pressurized systems a check valve to prevent backflow of the fumigant into the pressurizing cylinder or the compressed gas system
- Rigs must include a flow meter or a constant pressure system with orifice plates or restrictors to ensure the proper amount of fumigant is applied.
- To prevent the backflow of fumigant into the compressed gas cylinder (e.g., nitrogen, other inert gas), if used, applicators must:
 - When applying PALADIN® PIC-21 from steel cylinders, using compressed gas, ensure that minimum positive pressure of over 200 psi is maintained in the gas cylinder during the entire time it is connected to the application rig,
 - Ensure that application rigs are equipped with properly functioning check valves between the compressed gas cylinder system and the fumigant cylinder. The check valve is best placed on the outlet side of the pressure regulator, and is oriented to only allow compressed gas to flow out of the cylinder.
 - A pressure relief valve must be installed between the regulator and the check valve to ensure a regulator failure does not over-pressurize the fumigant cylinder.
 - Always pressurize the system with compressed gas before opening the fumigant cylinder valve.
- Before using a fumigation rig for the first time or when preparing it for use after storage, the operator must check the following items carefully:
 - Check the filter, and clean or replace the filter element as required.
 - Check all tubes and chisels to make sure they are free of debris and obstructions.
 - Check and clean the orifice plates and screen checks, if installed.
 - Pressurize the system with compressed gas, and check all fittings, valves, and connections for leaks using soap solution.
- Install the fumigant cylinder, and connect and secure all tubing. Slowly open the compressed gas valve, and increase the pressure to the desired level. Slowly open the fumigant cylinder valve, always watching for leaks.
- In case of the rupture of a hose or fitting while applying the fumigant, immediately stop the tractor or motor. Get off the tractor and get to a place where the problem can be observed without exposure to the fumes. Approach from upwind, with respiratory protection if required and make the necessary repairs.
- When changing cylinders, be certain they are turned off and the fumigant system is not under pressure.
- When the application is complete, close the fumigant cylinder valve and blow residual fumigant out of the fumigant lines into the soil using compressed gas. If the rig uses a centrifugal pump instead of compressed gas to inject fumigant into the soil, you may clear residual fumigant from the fumigant lines using an application wand connected to the system's low point via a drain hose. Place the wand in the soil until all residual fumigant has drained from the system. The wand and drain hose must be free of dirt to allow proper drainage.
- At the end of the application season, disconnect all fumigant cylinders from the application rig. At the end of the season, seal all tubing openings with tape to prevent the entry of insects and dirt.

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

Soil Sealing Raised Bed Applications

- Use tractor mounted chisels spaced no more than 12 inches apart. Injection spacing of 12 inches or less is typically performed with a multiple shank applicator. The treated ground must be sealed using either:
 - Soil sealing at time of application: The treated ground must be sealed using closing shoes, roller, compaction roller, cultipacker, or other equivalent equipment that will sufficiently cover chisel marks left after soil injection. The equipment shall cover the chisel marks with soil immediately prior to placement of the tarp being laid down (with fumigant injection) by tarp-laying equipment mounted on the application tractor; or
 - Bed shaper: The chisels shall be placed with the injection point under the bed shaper, and the tarp shall be laid down simultaneously (with fumigant injection) by tarp-laying equipment mounted on the application tractor; or
 - Combination bed former and bed shaper: The chisels shall be placed between the bed former and the bed shaper. The tractor with the tarp-laying equipment shall immediately follow the application tractor.

Broadcast/Flat Fume Applications

- Use tractor mounted chisels spaced no more than 12 inches apart. Injection spacing of 12 inches or less is typically performed with a multiple shank applicator. Inject PALADIN® PIC-21 at a minimum depth of 8 inches below the soil surface. The treated ground must be sealed using either:
 - Soil sealing at time of application: The treated ground must be sealed using closing shoes, roller, compaction roller, cultipacker, or other equivalent equipment that will sufficiently cover chisel marks left after soil injection. The equipment shall cover the chisel marks with soil immediately prior to placement of the tarp being laid down (with fumigant injection) by tarp-laying equipment mounted on the application tractor.
 - Cover immediately with one of the tarps that have been approved for use with this product, see <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/dmnds-tarps>.

Application Rates and Uses

PALADIN is recommended for control or suppression of weeds, soil-borne plant pathogens and nematodes in soils to be planted with vegetables, small fruit crops, field grown nursery/ornamental crops, and forestry nursery crops listed in the table below where plastic tarp is used for fumigation.

Fumigation with PALADIN® PIC-21 shall only be performed in accordance with the following two application techniques: (1) a raised bed shank injection application or (2) a broadcast/flat fume application.

The following table provides application rates in gallons and pounds of PALADIN® PIC-21 per treated acre.

TABLE 1. PRE-PLANT SOIL FUMIGATION APPLICATION RATES TABLE

Crop	Pests	Rate of PALADIN® PIC-21/treated Acre	
		Gallons	Pounds
Fruiting Vegetables Tomatoes Peppers Eggplant Cucurbit crops Cucumbers Squash (all) Melons (all) Small Fruit Crops Strawberries	Weeds to include <i>Nutsedge (Purple and Yellow), Chickweed, Lambsquarters, Purslane, Grasses</i>	60.1	572
	Soil Borne Plant Pathogens to include- <i>Verticillium, Fusarium, Pythium, Sclerotinia, Rhizoctonia</i>	47.2 – 60.1	449 - 572

Blueberries Field Ornamentals Grown Forest Nursery Crops	Nematodes to include- <i>Root Knot (Southern, Northern and Colombia),</i> <i>Stubby Root, Lesion, Stunt, Sting</i>	41.2 – 60.1	392 - 572
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Notes: Use the higher rate of product when there is a mixture of these pests.
The maximum application rate for pre-plant soil use is **572** pounds per treated acre of PALADIN® PIC-21.

Calculating the Broadcast Equivalent Application Rate

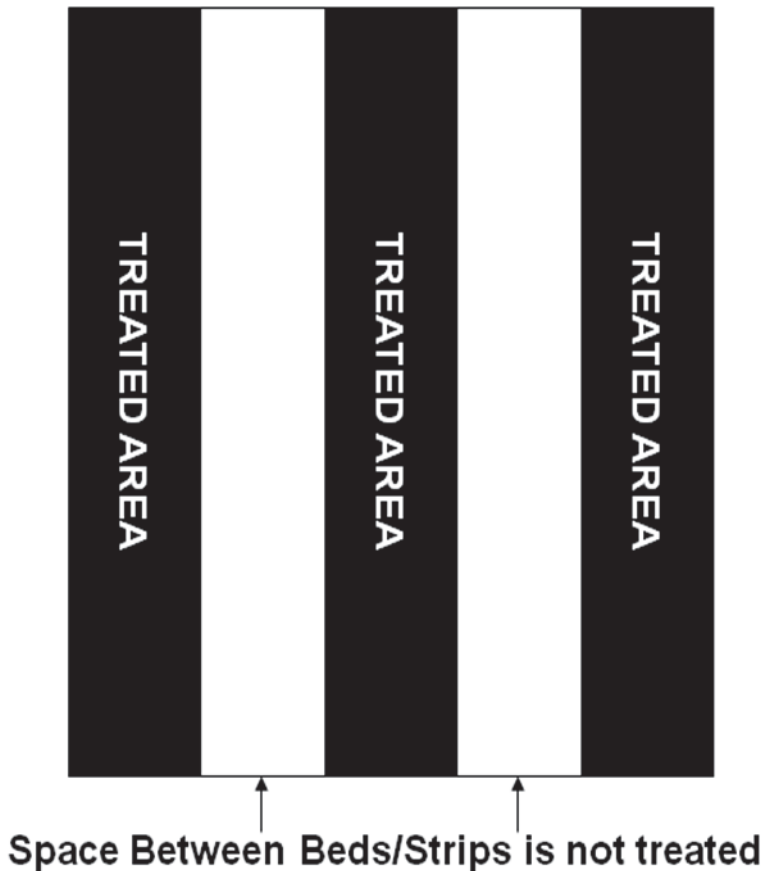
To calculate the broadcast equivalent rate for bedded or strip applications the following information is needed:

- pounds [or gallons] of product per treated acre
- strip or bed bottom width (inches)
- center-to-center row spacing (inches)
- application block size (acres)

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

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

Figure 1. Bedded/Strip Application (1 acre application block)

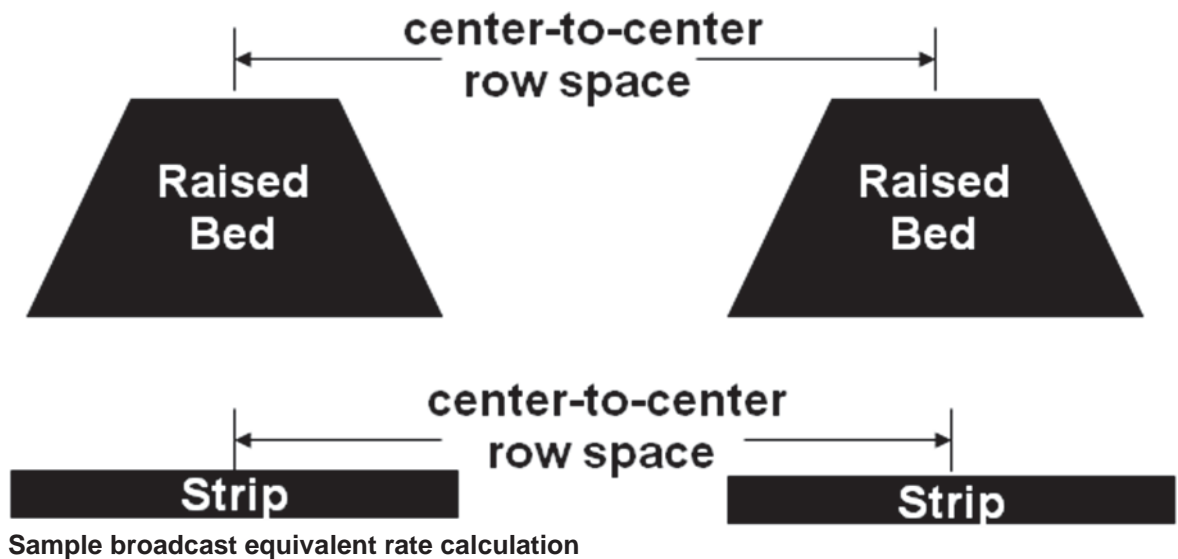


The “broadcast equivalent rate” must be calculated with the following formula:

$$\text{broadcast equivalent rate} \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{pounds [or} \\ \text{product/acre} \end{array} \right) \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{gallons} \\ \end{array} \right] = \frac{\text{strip or bed bottom width} \text{ (inches)}}{\text{center-to-center} \text{ row spacing} \text{ (inches)}} \times \text{row} \times \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{pounds or [gal} \\ \text{product] /} \\ \text{treated acre} \\ \text{applied in the} \\ \text{strip or bed} \end{array} \right)$$

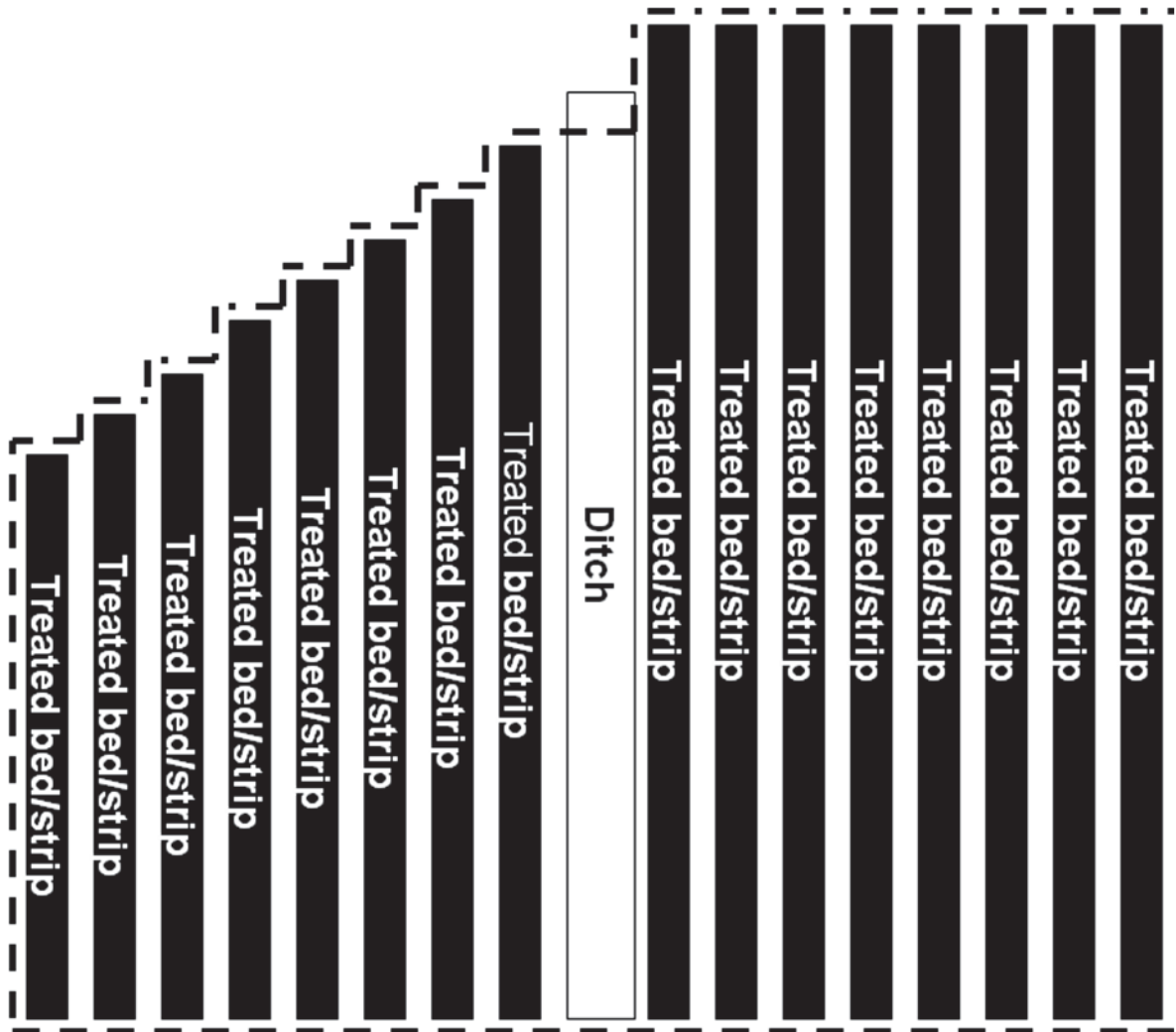
- The bed width must be measured from the bottom of bed.
- The center-to-center row spacing must be calculated as shown in Figure 2.
- If there are any ditches, waterways, drive rows and other areas that are not fumigated that are in the application block, multiply the above broadcast equivalent equation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

Figure 2. Center Row Spacing



Assumptions:

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



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 &\text{broadcast equivalent rate (pounds product/acre)} = \frac{\text{strip or bed bottom width (inches)}}{\text{center-to-center spacing (inches)}} \times \text{row} \times \frac{\text{area of strips or bed + row spacing}}{\text{application block size}} \times \text{pounds product/treated acre applied in the bed} \\
 &= \frac{30 \text{ inch width beds}}{60 \text{ inch row spacing}} \times 9.75 \text{ acres} \times \frac{572 \text{ pounds product/treated acre}}{10 \text{ acres}} \\
 &= 278.8 \text{ pounds product/acre}
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Buffer Zone Requirements

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

- The buffer zone must extend outward from the edge of the application block perimeter equally in all directions.
- All non-handlers, including field workers, residents, pedestrians, and other bystanders, must be excluded from the buffer zone during the buffer zone period except for transit (see *Buffer Zone Exemption for Transit on Roadways*).
 - Local, state, or federal officials performing inspection, sampling, or other similar official duties are not excluded from the application block or the buffer zone by this labeling. The

certified applicator supervising the application and the owner of the establishment where the application is taking place are not authorized to, or responsible for, excluding those officials from the application block or the buffer zone.

- The buffer zone period begins at the start of the application and lasts for a minimum of 48-hours after the application is complete.

Buffer zone proximity

- Before the start of application, the certified applicator must determine whether their buffer zone will overlap any fumigant buffer zone(s).
- To reduce the potential for off-site movement from multiple fumigated fields, buffer zones from multiple fumigant application blocks must not overlap UNLESS:
 1. A minimum of 12 hours have elapsed from the time the earlier application(s) is complete until the start of the later application, and
 2. *Fumigant Site Monitoring* or *Response Information for Neighbors* have been implemented if there are any residences or businesses within 300 feet of any of the buffer zones.

Structures under the control of the owner of the application block

- Buffer zones must not include buildings used for storage (e.g., sheds, barns, garages) UNLESS:
 1. The storage buildings are not occupied during the buffer zone period, and
 2. The storage buildings do not share a common wall with an occupied structure.

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

- Buffer zones must not include residential areas (e.g., employee housing, private property), buildings (e.g., commercial, industrial), outdoor residential areas (e.g., lawns, gardens, play areas) and other areas that people may occupy, UNLESS:
 1. The occupants provide written agreement, prior to the start of the application, that they will voluntarily vacate the buffer zone during the entire buffer zone period, and
 2. Reentry by occupants and other non-handlers must not occur until,
 - The buffer zone period has ended, and
 - Sensory irritation is not experienced upon re-entry.
- Buffer zones must not include agricultural areas owned and/or operated by persons other than the owner of the application block, UNLESS:
 1. The owner of the application block can ensure that the buffer zone will not overlap with a fumigant buffer zone from any other property owners, except as provided in the *Buffer Zone Proximity* section, and
 2. The owner of the other property provides written agreement to the applicator that they, their employees, and other persons will stay out of the buffer zone during the entire buffer zone period.
- Buffer zones must not include roadways and rights of way UNLESS:
 1. The area is not occupied during the buffer zone period, and
 2. Entry by non-handlers is prohibited during the buffer zone period.

Buffer Zone Exemption for Transit on Roadways

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

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

Certified applicators must comply with all local laws and regulations.

See the *Posting* section for additional requirements that may apply.

Buffer Zone Distances

Buffer zone distances must be calculated using the application rate and the size of the application block.

- Buffer zone distances must be based on look-up tables in this labeling (25 feet is the minimum distance regardless of site-specific application parameters).
- Use Table 2 and 3 as appropriate for the methods of application to determine the minimum buffer distances. Round up to the nearest rate and block size, where applicable.
- The size of the buffer zone will be dependent on the following three factors:
 - Whether the application method is raised-bed or broadcast/flat fume shank injected
 - The number of field acres that are being treated with PALADIN® PIC-21.
 - The pounds of PALADIN® PIC-21 that are being applied.
- To determine the size of the required buffer zone, refer to the BUFFER ZONE DISTANCE tables for either Raised Bed Shank Injection or Broadcast/Flat Fume Shank Injection.
- If the actual Application Rate or Block Size does not appear in the Buffer Zone Distance Tables 2 and 3, the buffer for the next higher rate or block size must be used. Applications are prohibited for rates and block sizes that exceed what is presented in the buffer zone tables.

**Table 2. BUFFER ZONE DISTANCE TABLE
for Raised Bed, Shank Injected Applications
(buffers in feet)**

Application Block Size (acres)

Broadcast equivalent Application Rate lbs/A (gal/A)	1	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40
141 (14.8)	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	30
148 (15.6)	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	35
152 (16.0)	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	35
163 (17.2)	25	25	25	25	25	30	35	55	70
167 (17.6)	25	25	25	25	25	35	45	60	75
171 (18.0)	25	25	25	25	25	35	45	65	80
176 (18.5)	25	25	25	25	25	40	55	70	85
180 (18.9)	25	25	25	25	25	45	60	75	90
183 (19.2)	25	25	25	25	30	50	65	80	95
191 (20.1)	25	25	25	25	40	60	75	90	105
195 (20.5)	25	25	25	25	45	70	80	95	110
204 (21.4)	25	25	25	30	55	75	90	105	120
214 (22.5)	25	25	25	35	60	80	95	115	130
226 (23.8)	25	25	25	40	70	90	105	125	140
234 (24.6)	25	25	25	50	75	95	115	135	150
239 (25.1)	25	25	30	55	80	100	120	140	155
251 (26.3)	25	25	35	60	90	110	130	150	170
258 (27.1)	25	25	35	65	95	115	135	155	175
263 (27.7)	25	25	40	65	95	115	135	155	175
266 (27.9)	25	25	40	70	100	120	140	160	180
275 (29.0)	25	25	45	75	105	125	145	165	185
287 (30.2)	25	25	50	80	110	135	155	175	195
299 (31.4)	25	25	60	90	115	140	160	185	205
313 (33.0)	25	25	65	95	120	145	165	190	210
316 (33.2)	25	25	65	95	125	150	170	195	215
327 (34.4)	25	25	70	100	130	155	180	200	220
343 (36.1)	25	25	75	105	135	160	185	210	230
355 (37.3)	25	25	75	110	140	165	190	215	240
358 (37.6)	25	25	80	110	140	165	190	215	240
362 (38.1)	25	25	80	110	140	165	190	215	240

373	(39.2)	25	25	80	115	150	175	200	225	250
377	(39.6)	25	25	80	115	150	175	200	225	250

Note: Minimum allowable buffer zone is 25 feet

Table 3. BUFFER ZONE DISTANCE TABLE
For Broadcast/Flat Fume Shank Injected Applications
(buffers in feet)

Broadcast Application lbs/A (gal/A)	Rate	Application Block Size (acres)								
		1	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40
250	(26.3)	25	95	170	225	275	315	355	395	430
289	(30.4)	25	110	175	240	300	345	390	435	475
302	(31.8)	25	115	195	255	315	360	405	450	490
334	(35.1)	25	125	215	280	340	385	430	475	520
365	(38.4)	25	140	230	295	360	410	455	505	550
382	(40.1)	25	145	240	305	370	420	470	520	565
430	(45.3)	30	160	260	330	400	455	505	555	605
478	(50.3)	40	170	275	345	415	470	525	580	635
526	(55.3)	50	180	290	365	435	495	550	610	665
572	(60.1)	55	190	305	380	455	515	575	635	690

Posting Fumigant Buffer Zones

- Posting of a **buffer zone** is required unless there is a physical barrier that prevents bystander access to the buffer zone.
- Buffer Zone signs must be placed along or outside the perimeter of the buffer zone, at all usual points of entry and along likely routes of approach from areas where people not under the owner's control may approach the buffer zone.
 - Some examples of points of entry include, but are not limited to, roadways, sidewalks, paths, and bike trails.
 - Some examples of likely routes of approach include, but are not limited to, the area between a buffer zone and a roadway, or the area between a buffer zone and a housing development.
 - When posting, the certified applicator supervising the application must ensure compliance with all local laws and regulations.
- Buffer Zone signs must meet the following criteria:
 - The printed side of the sign must face away from the application block toward areas from which people could approach.
 - Signs must remain legible during the entire posting period and must meet the general standards outlined in the WPS for sign size, text size, and legibility (see 40 CFR §170.120).
 - Signs must be posted no sooner than 24 hours prior to the start of the application and remain posted until the buffer zone period has expired.
 - Signs must be removed within 3 days after the end of the buffer zone period.
 - Buffer Zone signs which meet the criteria above will be provided at points of sale for applicators to use. Templates may be downloaded from <https://www.epa.gov/soil-fumigants/buffer-zone-requirements-soil-fumigant-applications>
 - The Buffer Zone signs must contain the following information:
 - The 'Do Not Walk' symbol
 - DO NOT ENTER/NO ENTREE,
 - Dimethyl Disulfide and Chloropicrin [PALADIN® PIC-21] Fumigant BUFFER ZONE,
 - Contact information for the certified applicator in charge of the fumigation.

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

Restrictions for Difficult to Evacuate Sites

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

- No fumigant application with a buffer zone greater than 300 feet is permitted within 1/4 mile (1320 feet) of difficult to evacuate sites unless the site is not occupied by children from state-licensed day care centers, students (pre-K to grade 12), patients, or prisoners during the application and the 36-hour period following the end of the application.
- No fumigant application with a buffer zone of 300 feet or less is permitted within 1/8 mile (660 feet) of difficult to evacuate sites unless the site is not occupied by children from state-licensed day care centers, students (pre-K to grade 12), patients, or prisoners during the application and the 36-hour period following the end of the application.

Emergency Preparedness and Response Measures

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

Triggers for Emergency Preparedness and Response Measures:

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

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

Fumigant Site Monitoring

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

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

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

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

Response Information for Neighbors

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

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

Information that must be included:

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

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

Notice to State and Tribal Lead Agencies

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

The information that must be provided to state and tribal lead agencies includes the following:

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

Emergency Response Plan

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

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

Site-Specific Fumigation Management Plan (FMP)

Prior to the start of application, the certified applicator supervising the application must verify that a site-specific FMP exists for each application block. In addition, an agricultural operation fumigating multiple application blocks may format the FMP in a manner whereby all of the information that is

common to all the application blocks is captured once, and any information unique to a particular application block or blocks is captured in subsequent sections.

The FMP must be prepared by the certified applicator, the site owner, registrant, or other party.

The certified applicator supervising the application must verify in writing (sign and date) that the site-specific FMP(s) reflects current site conditions before the start of application.

Each site specific FMP must contain the following elements:

- Certified Applicator Supervising the Application
 - Name,
 - Phone number,
 - Pesticide applicator license and/or certificate number,
 - Specify if commercial or private applicator,
 - Employer name,
 - Employer address, and
 - Date and location of completing EPA approved soil fumigant training program
- General site information
 - Application block location (e.g., county, township-range-section quadrant), address, or global positioning system (GPS) coordinates
 - Name, address, and phone number of application block owner
 - Site map, aerial photo or detailed sketch showing:
 - application block location
 - application block dimensions
 - buffer zone dimensions
 - property lines
 - roadways
 - rights-of-ways
 - sidewalks
 - permanent walking paths
 - bus stops
 - nearby application blocks
 - surrounding structures (occupied and non-occupied)
 - locations of Buffer Zone signs, and
 - locations of difficult to evacuate sites within ¼ mile of the application block if the buffer zone is greater than 300 feet, or 1/8 mile if the buffer zone is 300 feet or less.
- General application information
 - Target application date/window,
 - Fumigant Product Name, and
 - EPA registration number.
- Tarp Plan
 - Schedule for checking tarps for damage, tears, and other problems,
 - Minimum size of damage that will be repaired,
 - Factors used to determine when tarp repair will be conducted,
 - Equipment/methods used to perforate tarps,
 - Target dates for perforating tarps, and
 - Target dates for removing tarps.
- Soil conditions
 - Description of soil texture in application block,
 - Description of soil moisture and method used to determine soil moisture, and
 - Soil temperature measurement if air temperatures were above 100° F in any of the 3 days prior to the application.
- Buffer zones
 - Tarp Information
 - Tarp brand name
 - Lot number
 - Thickness
 - Manufacturer
 - Batch number

- Part number
 - Color
- Application method,
- Injection depth,
- Application rate from lookup table on label,
- Application block size from lookup table on label,
- Buffer zone distance, and
- Description of areas in the buffer zone that are not under the control of the owner of the application block. If buffer zones extend onto areas not under the control of the owner, attach the written agreement and keep it with the FMP.
- Record Emergency Response Plan as described in the *Emergency Response Plan* section.
- Posting of Fumigant Treated Area and Buffer Zone
 - Person(s) who will post and remove (if different) Fumigant Treated Area and Buffer Zone signs, and
 - Location of Buffer Zone signs.
- Emergency Preparedness and Response Measures (if applicable)
 - Fumigant site monitoring (if applicable):
 - When and where it will be conducted
 - Response information for neighbors (if applicable):
 - List of residences and businesses informed,
 - Name and phone number of person providing information, and
 - Method of providing the information.
- State and/or tribal lead agency advance notification (if state and/or tribal lead agency requires notice, provide a list of contacts that were notified and date notified)
- Plan describing how communication will take place between the certified applicator supervising the application, the owner, and other on-site handlers (e.g., tarp perforators/removers, irrigators) for complying with label requirements (e.g., buffer zone location, buffer zone start and end times, timing of tarp perforation and removal, PPE).
 - Name and phone number of persons contacted by the certified applicator, and
 - Date contacted.
- Handler (including Certified Applicators) Information and PPE
 - Names, addresses and phone numbers of handlers
 - Names, addresses, and phone numbers for employers of handlers
 - Tasks that each handler is authorized and trained to perform
 - Date of PPE training for each handler
 - Applicable handler PPE including:
 - Coveralls, Long-sleeved shirts/long pants, shoes, socks
 - Chemical resistant apron
 - Chemical-resistant footwear
 - Protective eyewear (not goggles)
 - Chemical-resistant gloves
 - Air-purifying respirators
 - Respirator make, model, type, style, size, and cartridge/canister type
 - SCBAs
 - Respirator make, model, type, style, size,
 - Other PPE
 - For handlers: Confirmation of receipt of Fumigant Safe Handling Information.
 - For certified applicator(s) supervising the application: Completion date and location of the soil fumigant training program listed on the following EPA website <http://www.epa.gov/fumiganttraining> for the active ingredient(s) in this product.
 - For handlers designated to wear air-purifying respirators or SCBAs:
 - date of medical qualification to wear a respirator,
 - date of respirator training, and
 - date of fit-testing for the respirator.
 - Unless where exempted in the *Protection of Handlers* section, verify that:
 - an SCBA is on-site and ready to use in case of an emergency,
 - at minimum 2 handlers have the appropriate respirators and cartridges/canisters during handler activities, and

- the employer has confirmed that the appropriate respirator and cartridges/canisters are immediately available for each handler who will wear one.
 - If using an enclosed cab in lieu of wearing an air-purifying respirator, verify that the cab:
 - Has positive pressure (6 mm H₂O Gauge).
 - Has a minimum air intake flow of 43 m³/hour.
 - Is equipped with activated charcoal filter-media containing no less than 1000 grams of activated charcoal.
 - Document the application hours of the filter to confirm that the filter has been used for no more than 50 hours of application time.
 - In addition document that the ventilation system has been maintained according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Air monitoring plan
 - If garlic-like odor is detected or sensory irritation is experienced, indicate whether operations will cease or operations will continue with use of an air-purifying respirator
 - For monitoring the breathing zone:
 - Representative handler tasks to be monitored,
 - Monitoring equipment to be used, and
 - Timing of the monitoring.
- Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs)
 - Identify (e.g., list, attach applicable label section) applicable mandatory GAPs.
- Ensure that labels and MSDS are on-site and readily available for employees to review.

Record-Keeping Procedures

The owner of the application block as well as the certified applicator supervising the application must keep a signed copy of the site-specific FMP for 2 years from the date of application.

For situations where an initial FMP is developed and certain elements do not change for multiple application blocks (e.g., applicator information, certified applicator, handlers, record-keeping procedures, emergency procedures) only elements that have changed need to be updated in the site-specific FMP provided the following:

- The certified applicator supervising the application has verified that those elements are current and applicable to the application block before it is fumigated.
- Record-keeping requirements are followed for the entire FMP (including elements that do not change).

The certified applicator must make a copy of the FMP immediately available for viewing by handlers involved in the application. The certified applicator or the owner of the application block must provide a copy of the FMP to any local/state/federal/tribal enforcement personnel who request the FMP. In the case of an emergency, the FMP must be made immediately available when requested by local/state/federal/tribal emergency response and enforcement personnel. The certified applicator supervising the application must ensure the FMP is at the application block during all handler activities.

Within 30 days after the application is complete, the certified applicator supervising the application must complete a Post-Application Summary.

Post-Application Summary

The Post-Application Summary must contain the following elements:

- Actual date and time of the application
- Application rate
- Size of application block
- Weather Conditions
 - Summary of the National Weather Service weather forecast during the application and the 48-hours after the application is complete including:
 - wind speed, and
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- Forecast must be checked on the day of, but prior to the start of the application, and on a daily basis during the application if the time period from the start of the application until the application is complete is greater than 24 hours.
- Tarp damage and repair information (if applicable):
 - Date of tarp damage discovery,
 - Location and size of tarp damage,
 - Description of tarp/tarp seal/tarp equipment failure, and
 - Date and time of tarp repair completion.
- Tarp perforation/removal details (if applicable):
 - Date and time tarps were perforated,
 - Date and time tarps were removed, and
 - Record if tarps were removed early. Describe the conditions that caused early tarp removal.
- 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, and
 - Description of control measures or emergency procedures followed after complaint.
- Description of incidents (including date and time), equipment failure, or other emergency and emergency procedures followed (if applicable).
- Communication between applicator, owner and other on-site handlers (if applicable)
 - Record additional dates persons were contacted
- Air monitoring results:
 - When sensory irritation was experienced
 - Date, time, location, and handler task/activity where irritation was observed
 - Resulting action (e.g., cease operations, continue operations with air-purifying respirators).
 - When odor is detected
 - Date(s), time(s) and location(s) of odor detection, hourly sample to determine if the odor is still detectable or air sample measurement with the direct read detection device
 - Handler name and task/activity,
 - Air concentration measurement with direct read detection device (if applicable)
 - Resulting action (e.g., cease operations, continue operations with air-purifying respirators).
 - When using a direct read detection device:
 - Sample date(s), time(s), location(s), and concentration(s),
 - Handler task/activity monitored (if applicable), and
 - Resulting action (e.g., cease operations, continue operations with air-purifying respirators).
 - Resulting action (e.g., cease operations, continue operations with air-purifying respirators).
- Fumigant Treated Area and Buffer Zone Signs:
 - Dates of posting and removal.
- Any deviations from the FMP (e.g., changes in emergency response actions, changes in handler information, changes in handlers responsible for completing emergency tasks, and changes in communication between certified applicator, owner, and other handlers).

SPILL AND LEAK PROCEDURES

- Refer to the *Personal Protective Equipment* section for Applicators and other handlers when handling liquid for spills and leaks.
- Move leaking or damaged containers outdoors or to an isolated location.
- Observe strict safety precautions.
- Cease all operations if any leak develops in the fumigation system.
- Evacuate everyone from the immediate areas of the spill or leak.
- Approach the area from the upwind side. Work upwind to repair leak(s), if possible.
- Only correctly trained and PPE-equipped handlers are permitted to enter. Do not permit entry into the spill or leak area by any other person until the garlic-like odor of this product is no longer detectable or sampling has verified that the DMDS concentration is below 55 ppb and the chloropicrin concentration is below 0.15 ppm.

- Allow spilled fumigant to evaporate or to absorb onto vermiculite, dry sand, earth, or similar absorbent material. Such material should be disposed of on site or at an approved disposal facility.

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

Do not contaminate water, food, or feed by storage or disposal

Refillable container. Refill this container with pesticide only. Do not reuse this container for any other purpose. Cleaning the container before final disposal is the responsibility of the person disposing of the container. Cleaning before refilling is the responsibility of the refiller.

PESTICIDE HANDLING: Ensure all containers are bonded and grounded during filling, transferring or emptying operations.

PESTICIDE STORAGE: Store in well-ventilated area away from heat and sources of ignition such as flame, sparks, and static electricity. Do not store near or with oxidizers. Store only in areas that are authorized for flammable material storage. Cylinder storage must be in an area as designated by local and State requirements. Make certain cylinder tops are closed and cylinder remains in an upright position. Store only in original containers.

PESTICIDE DISPOSAL: Pesticide wastes are acutely hazardous. Improper disposal of excess pesticide or rinsate is a violation of federal law. If these wastes cannot be disposed of by use according to label instructions, contact your state pesticide or environmental control agency, or hazardous waste representative at the nearest EPA regional office for guidance.

CONTAINER: Refillable container. Refill this container with PALADIN® PIC-21 only. Return used cylinders or containers to the place of purchase, as directed on container or by container supplier/distributor. Container must never be refilled by the consumer or used for any other product or purposes. **For cylinder return** (1) The valve protection bonnet and safety cap should be removed only when fumigant is about to be removed from the cylinder. The safety cap and valve protection bonnet must be replaced when the cylinder is not in use. (2) Cylinders should never be subjected to rough handling or to abnormal mechanical shock such as dropping, bumping, dragging or sliding. (3) Ropes, slings, hooks, tongs and similar handling devices should not be used for unloading cylinders. (4) A suitable hand truck, fork truck, or similar device to which the cylinders can be firmly secured should be used for transporting the heavier cylinders. If cylinder retains any unused material and there are no further requirements for the product, contact the distributor representative for return instructions. **For container return**, ensure all valves are closed and valve openings are capped and sealed. For further instructions contact your distributor.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

CHEMTREC: (800) 424-9300

MEDICAL: (866) 767-5089 (Rocky Mountain Poison Control Center)

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