

Update on Implementation of the Soil Fumigant REDs April 2010

Overview

EPA issued amended Reregistration Eligibility Decisions (REDs) in June 2009 for the soil fumigants methyl bromide, chloropicrin, metam sodium/potassium, and dazomet. The REDs will require important new safety measures to increase protections for workers and bystanders. The new measures will appear on product labels in two phases, in 2010 and 2011.

Timing

Now – End 2010

- Review and approve labels with first phase of mitigation measures (by end of April)
- Visit regions with high-use states and provide detailed presentations to meet informational needs for regulatory partners
- Conduct national train-the-trainer course via PREP and PIRT programs
- Ramp-up workshops, meeting participation, and providing resources to outreach specialists
- Review and approve registrant-developed training and other resources and oversee distribution and implementation
- Complete tools and templates and make them available to users, including fumigation management plans and a buffer zone calculator
- Phase one labels to begin to appear in the field by December 1, 2010

2011

- Full implementation of new requirements via revised labels
- Continue workshops, consider focused workshops for users, e.g., how to comply, how to determine and manage buffer zones, how to prepare a complete and accurate FMP
- Identify additional resources needed to aid compliance

2012

- Emphasis shifts from education and compliance assistance to compliance assurance
- Program evaluation in preparation for re-evaluation

2013

- Initiate re-evaluation through Registration Review program