

**EMERGENCY RESPONDER GUIDES FOR SOIL FUMIGANTS  
WITH CHLOROPICRIN, METHYL BROMIDE, METAM SODIUM AND  
METAM POTASSIUM**

This CD contains Emergency Responder Guides for the soil fumigants with the active ingredients chloropicrin, methyl bromide, metam sodium and metam potassium. These Emergency Responder Guides have been reviewed and approved by USEPA Office of Pesticide Programs.

Soil fumigants are applied to the soil prior to the planting of crops to control soil-borne pests. Soil fumigants play an important role in the production of a variety of crops, including tomatoes, berries, peppers, melons, potatoes, onions, carrots, fruit trees, almonds, tobacco, grapes, cut flowers, plant nurseries, forest nurseries, and for orchard replant. As part of USEPA's reregistration review, USEPA has imposed numerous safety measures on the use of soil fumigants, including enhanced training for applicators and handlers, specific Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) to reduce potential emissions, and buffer zones, *i.e.*, an area around each application block where bystanders are not permitted. USEPA and the registrants believe that these steps will reduce the already low incident rate for the use of soil fumigants. Nevertheless, in the event that an incident did occur, the registrants and USEPA want Emergency Responders in your state to have the most up-to-date response information.

The enclosed information sheets were developed based on discussions with Emergency Responders in high use areas and, as noted above, were reviewed and approved by USEPA. For your convenience, we have included both hard copies of the Emergency Responder Guides and a CD which contains each of the guides in electronic format as many of you have told us that you prefer electronic format for distribution.

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