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Excerpted from EPA Pesticide Program Updates from EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs 6/11/03

Action: EPA to conduct **Methyl Bromide Outreach Workshops**. In order to use methyl bromide in the US one must submit an application for a critical use exemption. Contact me (see below) for course locations and dates.

EPA is planning to hold five workshops to **provide support to current and future applicants for critical use exemptions (CUE) for methyl bromide**.

The purpose of all of the workshops is to help explain requirements for re-submission of CUE applications for applicants from last year and to walk through the process for prospective new applicants.

The workshops will also include a session to elicit comments and suggestions for EPA to consider in its forthcoming rulemaking proposal on allocating the critical use exemptions among methyl bromide users.

Background: Methyl bromide is chiefly used as a gas soil fumigant against insects, termites, rodents, weeds, nematodes, and soil-borne diseases. It has been used to fumigate agricultural commodities, grain elevators, mills, ships, clothes, furniture, and greenhouses. About 70% of methyl bromide produced in the U.S. goes into pesticidal formulations. Trade names include Brom-o-Gas, Bromomethane, Celfume, Embafume, Haltox, MB, MeBr, Methogas, Profume, Terr-o-Gas, and Zytox.

See previous NJinPAS posting @ <http://www.pestmanagement.rutgers.edu/NJinPAS/postings/MeBrexemptions.pdf> for more details related to established treaties and national actions to request a critical use exemption. See also EPA Q & A page @ <http://www.epa.gov/spdpublic/mbr/cueqa.html>; has lists of pre-plant and post-plant alternative to methyl bromide. See Exttoxnet Fact Sheet for methyl bromide @ <http://npic.orst.edu/factsheets/MBtech.pdf>

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