

Stanislaus County

P: Permit Process for Commodity Fumigation Using Methyl Bromide

1. Complete the Questionnaire for Permit Conditions for Methyl Bromide Commodity Fumigation. Note any changes in operation (fumigating 2X per day instead of 1x, increased amount of product being used, etc.). If chambers are retention tested, the tests must be conducted annually and test results must be submitted with the questionnaire.
2. Draw a site map showing structures (storage buildings, pole barns, worker processing areas, guard house, etc.) and distances to where fumigation area is located (bins, butler bins, chambers, where fumigated product is stored, etc.). You must include stack height (if applicable) and height of surrounding buildings. Indicate if there are any new structures. Identify all structures and indicate where there are workers (employee lunch room, sorting lines, etc.).
3. Return the Questionnaire and site map to the County Agricultural Commissioner's Office for evaluation.
4. The County Agricultural Commissioner's Office will do a site visit to clarify and/or verify information submitted. You will be contacted for an appointment, if this is necessary.
5. The County Agricultural Commissioner's Office may require additional information (additional air monitoring documentation, aeration procedures, etc.) to be submitted in order to issue your final permit conditions.
6. Your final permit conditions will be issued to you upon completion of evaluation of your questionnaire information, possible site visit and any additional information required. If modifications were made to accommodate reduced buffers, meet air concentration levels, etc., then this will also need to be verified by the County Agricultural Commissioner's Office prior to issuance of final permit conditions. (Please note: any final approval for modifications made to accommodate deviations from the regulations will require approval from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation.)

If you have any questions, please contact the Stanislaus County Agricultural Commissioner's Office at (209) 525-4730.