

Q: PERMIT PROCESS FOR COMMODITY FUMIGATION USING SULFURYL FLUORIDE

Each sulfuranyl fluoride fumigation site shall have a Work Site Plan submitted to the Agricultural Commissioner's Office. Permit conditions will be derived from said Work Site Plans. Permit conditions must be signed by the permittee 24 hours prior to submitting a Notice of Intent. The following steps must be completed:

Work Site Plan

1. Completed Work Site Plan
2. Note any operational changes in your fumigation plan (fumigating twice per day instead of once, increased amount of product being used, new structures, etc.).
3. If chambers are retention tested, the tests must be conducted annually, and test results must be submitted with the work site plan citing method used.
4. 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.).
5. Additional information (additional air monitoring documentation, aeration procedures, etc.) may be submitted to issue your final permit conditions.

County Site Visit

1. The County Agricultural Commissioner's Office may do a site visit to clarify and/or verify information submitted.
2. You will be contacted for an appointment, if this is necessary.

Evaluation

1. Return the completed Work Site Plans and site maps to the County Agricultural Commissioner's Office for evaluation.
2. Your final permit conditions will be issued to you upon completion of the evaluation of your work site plan information, possible site visit and any additional information required.
3. 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. Please plan accordingly to accommodate additional review time which may be required. If you have any questions, please contact the Stanislaus County Agricultural Commissioner's Office at (209) 525-4730.