

METHYL BROMIDE FUMIGATION AND OZONE DEPLETION

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ABSTRACT

Environmental groups in the United States petitioned the United States Environmental Protection Agency in December, 1991, to end production of methyl bromide because of indications that it could reduce stratospheric ozone. A history of that issue, including an update on the current regulatory status of methyl bromide, was presented. Specific areas include the following:

- Regulations that apply to methyl bromide.
- Ozone depletion potential (ODP) data.
- Sources of methyl bromide.
- Behavior of methyl bromide.
- Uses of methyl bromide.
- Alternatives to methyl bromide.
- Implications for fumigation.
- World-wide consequences.