



Structural Pest Control & Pesticides Division

Soil Fumigant Training Update

Do You Use Soil Fumigants? – If so, EPA is Requiring New Fumigant Product Training

What is occurring?

- The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is requiring important new fumigant product safety training for private applicators, commercial applicators, or public operators using or supervising the use of soil fumigants. Applicators must complete one of the following options every three years:

EPA Fumigant Product Training for Phase II of the Risk Mitigation Measures...

The fumigant product training is part of the Phase II requirements. If your soil fumigant label contains buffer zone tables – then Phase II requirements are in effect for your application.

- Private applicators, commercial applicators, or public operators supervising the fumigant application must successfully complete on-line training and testing which consists of 4 modules and specific active ingredient modules (some are combination products) for each active ingredient the growers may use.

Training options for NC Private Certified Applicators:

- If a private applicator successfully completes the on-line EPA approved Soil Fumigation training option, all requirements for training for the use of the soil fumigants will be met (except for the additional safety training for handlers assisting with the application). If the certificate of completion is presented to NCDA&CS, 2 hours of “V” core safety credit and 2 hours of “X” specialty credit will be awarded.
- For private applicators not having on-line access or those who wish for another option, NCDA&CS will provide in-person training sessions that will cover the material from the NASDA “Soil Fumigation Manual”. The chapters will be covered in training modules and a test given after each module. These tests, like the on-line version, will be open book and attendees will have a fumigant label available during the tests. A satisfactory score of 70% or greater must be achieved on the test. Upon completion of the course and passing of the test, attendees will be given a certificate to verify their completion of the course. There will also be 2 hours of “V” core safety credit and 2 hours of “X” specialty credit awarded.

Training options for NC Commercial Applicators and Public Operators:

- If a commercial applicator or public operator successfully completes the on-line EPA approved Soil Fumigation training option, all requirements for training for the use of the soil fumigants will be met (except for the additional safety training for handlers assisting with the application). If the certificate of completion is presented to NCDA&CS – 2 hours of credit will be awarded in categories G L N O & D.
- Commercial applicators and public operators may also attend the in-person training in lieu of the on-line EPA approved training. A satisfactory score of 70% or greater must be achieved on the test. Upon completion of the course and passing of the test, attendees will be given a certificate to verify their completion of the course. 2 hours of credit will be awarded in categories G L N O & D.

Whom should I contact with questions?

Please contact the NCDA&CS, Structural Pest Control & Pesticides Division at (919) 733-3556.

Where can I get more information?

Visit the following sites for additional information regarding this advisory:

EPA’s Soil Fumigant Toolbox: http://www.epa.gov/opp00001/reregistration/soil_fumigants/

This web site provides training, outreach, and other resource materials for applicators and handlers, communities, state and local agencies, and others interested in understanding and implementing the current requirements for safe use of soil fumigants.