

## **Years after approving the strawberry fumigant methyl iodide, EPA may reconsider.**

Methyl iodide will face renewed scrutiny from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The agency is asking for public comment on a nearly year-old petition filed by farmworker and environmental advocacy groups that calls on the government to rescind its approval of the controversial fumigant.

News of the move came just a day after state Department of Pesticide Regulation Director Mary-Ann Warmerdam, under fire for rushing methyl iodide through an emergency approval process last December, resigned to take a job with Clorox.

The public now has until April 30 to comment on the pending petition, filed last March by a dozen advocacy groups including United Farm Workers, California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation and Pesticide Action Network North America.

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