

## **Neighbors, farmworkers ask EPA to ban use of fumigant in California strawberry fields**

When Annette Danzer and her husband moved into a house surrounded by brush and strawberry fields on California's Central Coast, they were drawn by the rural feel and closeness to nature. Three years later, the couple fears the fields near Salinas could become a health threat due to potential use of the pesticide methyl iodide.

California regulators approved use of methyl iodide in December despite opposition from scientists and environmental and farmworker groups who claim it's highly toxic and can cause cancer.

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