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Yesterday, the US EPA announced the beginning of a public comment period for draft risk mitigation options being considered for six soil fumigants including methyl bromide, metam sodium, dazomet, chloropicrin, 1,3-dichloropropene, and iodomethane. Stakeholders are being asked to provide useful information on these options which can be viewed at the following web link:

http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/reregistration/soil_fumigants/risk_mitigation.htm

Comments are due by July 2, 2007.

The US EPA does not plan to hold a stakeholder meeting in California at this time, however, a few EPA staff will be attending two Department of Pesticide Regulation stakeholder meetings to be held on Wednesday, May 30, focusing on California's risk management proposals for metam sodium/potassium.

If you have any questions, you may want to visit the EPA website at: www.epa.gov/pesticides/.