

UPDATE: RESEARCH OF THE METAM-SODIUM TASK FORCE ON
EFFICACY AND ODOR MANAGEMENT

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As the Methyl Bromide phase-out is approaching its final year of implementation, the alternative fumigants also are in a state of transition. Research into enhanced application and sealing methods is in progress to better support the developing needs of agriculture by region and crop. This presentation summarizes the recent research conducted by the Metam-Sodium Task Force aimed at strengthening the use of Metam-Sodium to meet the broadening demands for alternatives in single product treatments as well as combination treatments. Research aimed at preparing a sound foundation for metam-sodium in the other primary area of transition, i.e., ongoing environmental review of the methyl bromide alternatives based on quantitative risk assessment, is also addressed. The environmental initiatives of the Metam-Sodium Task Force will be summarized relative to further changes in fumigant use patterns post Methyl Bromide phaseout.