

IDAHO POTATO PULSE



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The Environmental Protection Agency has just issued its revised Reregistration Eligibility Determination as outlined below. We hope to have a summary/analysis available soon. Here is what's been sent out by the National Potato Council.

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Today EPA published the final RED documents for the individual fumigants. Label changes dictated by the REDs will take place in stages with the first set of changes taking effect in 2010 and the second in 2011. The more contentious issues including buffers will be handled in the second set of label changes. The ERA web link below has a very good summary of the new REDs including comparisons to the REDs issued in 2008. The Metam Sodium RED is included in a link near the bottom of the web page below. It will take some time to digest all of what EPA has done but it is clear that the changes to overlapping buffers, posting, monitoring, notification, buffer credits and other key issues generally move the RED in the right direction. Evaluating whether the changes are sufficient to make the RED more workable will take time.

While no additional comments period is planned EPA will continue to accept and review data and consider additional modifications during the time periods where label are being negotiated.

http://www.epa.gov/oppsrd1/reregistration/soil_fumigants/#modifications