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## **Effective Immediately**

## Notice of Recommended Restrictions on Use of Vikane<sup>®</sup> Fumigant in Attics Enclosed with Polyurethane Spray Foam Insulation (PSFI)

To All Customers Using Vikane<sup>®</sup> Fumigant:

This Notice provides important information on the safe and effective use of Vikane that should be followed by all users and potential users of Vikane in all cases, without exception. It appears possible that a recently developed method for insulating unfinished attics with polyurethane spray foam insulation (PSFI) in single-family residential structures constructed on-site can require extended aeration times when the current label-prescribed aeration procedures are used to obtain a concentration of 1 ppm or less of Vikane in the breathing zones of all rooms before the structure can be reoccupied.

The concerns arise from the:

Application of open or closed cell PSFI to cover the underside of roof sheathing (either between or over the roof rafters or joists) in attics where the PSFI also partially or fully covers access to attic air circulation vents (including those in soffits, gable end-walls, and roof ridges). These attics have PSFI applied to create an unvented attic, which does not have a functional passive or active ventilation system(s) that enable air movement between the attic air space and outdoor air.

Therefore, in an abundance of caution, Douglas Products is strongly recommending that the fumigation industry cease using Vikane to fumigate single-family residential structures constructed on-site, and other structures of similar construction, with unfinished attics insulated with PSFI as described above. This notice applies to the current label-prescribed Aeration Procedures 1 and 2 and the California Aeration Plan (CAP).

Douglas Products is evaluating information it has received about the extended aeration time frames and has notified EPA and regulatory agencies in key states where Vikane is used of this Notice and the restrictions it is recommending its customers to follow.

Please contact your local Douglas Products representative if you have any questions. We greatly appreciate your continued use and stewardship support of Vikane.

Sincerely,

Heather Kern Commercial Leader, Douglas Products