

Fact Sheet for Vikane® Gas Fumigant (Sulfuryl Fluoride)

In the interest of Dow AgroSciences' commitment to product stewardship, this fact sheet is intended to provide basic information about the product and how it is used. If you have specific questions about your fumigation, refer to documents provided by the fumigator or call the fumigator listed on the warning signs posted on your structure. If you have questions about Vikane® gas fumigant (the fumigant used) or the procedures described, call the Dow AgroSciences Customer Information Center at 1-800-352-6776.

WHY BUILDINGS ARE FUMIGATED

Insects that feed or tunnel into wood can seriously damage houses, apartments, and other dwellings or structures. Each year termites or other wood destroying insects damage more than 5 million homes. Other pests, such as bed bugs, may be dispersed throughout rooms and can be difficult to locate and control quickly and completely. Depending on the extent or location of the infestation, fumigation is the only total control method proven to eliminate certain infestations of wood destroying insects, bed bugs, and other structure-infesting pests.

HOW BUILDINGS ARE FUMIGATED

Because Vikane is a gas, prior to fumigation, the structure is completely sealed. This serves to contain Vikane in the building so it can penetrate wood and building contents to thoroughly eliminate the pests. Depending on the construction of the building, the doors and windows may be sealed with tape and a plastic sheet, or the structure may be covered with a tarp. The building will remain sealed for 2-72 hours depending on the specifics of the job. Warning signs are posted around the building notifying people to keep out.

After the fumigation period is completed, a professional fumigator will aerate the structure using fans for a prescribed aeration period. Once the dwelling has been thoroughly aerated, the fumigator is required to measure the level of any fumigant remaining in the living space to ensure it is below the EPA approved concentration for reentry by the occupants. Extremely low levels of fumigant can remain for a short period of time in dead air spaces between walls and inside cabinets as well as porous materials such as furniture. The small amount of fumigant in these areas will continue to dissipate for a few hours after the fumigation but at levels well below the established safe reentry concentration. Your building will not be cleared for reoccupancy until it is safe to enter. The fumigator will post a notice on your building indicating the day and time for reentry. Structures can be occupied only when the concentration is 1 part per million or less (this represents a margin of safety – laboratory animals have been exposed to 100 parts per million for 2 weeks with no adverse effects.) Because Vikane is a true gas and not a vapor, aeration is rapid. Recent studies demonstrated that in most structures levels are less than 1 part per million after the prescribed aeration period and have no detectable levels of Vikane within 24 hours after the start of aeration.

Sulfuryl fluoride is a colorless, odorless gas, so a warning agent is added to the building that causes watery eyes and a scratchy throat. If you experience these symptoms in a structure that has been recently fumigated, you should leave immediately and call the pest control company to have your building retested.

SULFURYL FLUORIDE (POTENTIAL HEALTH RISKS FROM OVEREXPOSURE)

Sulfuryl fluoride is a gas and can potentially enter your body only through inhalation. Because it is a gas, it does not stay on dry surfaces; therefore, there is no exposure from touching treated surfaces.

Nervous system and respiratory irritation:

Overexposure to high levels of sulfuryl fluoride can result in nose and throat irritation and nausea. At high concentrations (such as those used during the fumigation) it can cause excess fluid in the lungs, sleepiness, pneumonia, and convulsions. These symptoms would be expected to appear within 8 hours after such an exposure. In the unlikely event you experience these symptoms in the building that has been recently fumigated, you should leave immediately. Consult your physician and call the pest control company to have your building retested.

Additional studies:

Sulfuryl fluoride has not been shown to cause birth defects in pregnant animals exposed under experimental conditions. In addition, current studies have demonstrated there are not mutagenic or genotoxic effects caused by exposure to sulfuryl fluoride.

Safety Precautions and Homeowner Preparation

- Discuss the treatment program in advance with your pest control company so you fully understand what will be done and what you need to do.
- Carefully follow the instructions you are given about what items you are to remove from your building.
- Stay out of the treated building until it is cleared by your pest control company for reentry.
- If you are interested or concerned, you should ask your pest control company to show the records of how your building was aerated before it was cleared for reentry.
- You may wish to increase ventilation by opening doors and windows.

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OCCUPANTS FUMIGATION NOTICE AND PESTICIDE DISCLOSURE

Job Address _____ City _____

Single family dwelling Multi-family units Other _____

Owner-Agent _____ Tel. No. _____ **EMERGENCY TELEPHONE** _____

Occupant _____ Tel. No. _____ **EMERGENCY TELEPHONE** _____

Prime Contractor: **Harbor Pest Control, Inc., 6160 Fairmount Ave Ste K, San Diego CA 92120**
Emergency Tel. # (619) 584-8155 FAX (619) 584-8183

Fumigation Contractor _____ Emergency Tel. # _____

Target pest(s) drywood termites beetles bed bugs other(s) _____

Fumigant: Sulfuryl Fluoride: Vikane™

Are you aware of any conduits, pipes, common drains, air ducts, central vacuum systems or any other construction elements that would allow the passage of a fumigant from the structure to be fumigated to any other adjacent or adjoining structure? YES NO

CHLOROPICRIN WILL BE USED AS A WARNING AGENT WITH EITHER FUMIGANT

DATES & DAY OF FUMIGATION _____ DATE _____
CHANGES/Alternative date: _____ Initials _____

IMPORTANT - READ CAREFULLY

THIS BUILDING WILL BE FUMIGATED WITH LETHAL GASES ON THE DATE(S) INDICATED ABOVE. ALL PERSONS AND ANIMALS MUST VACATE THE PREMISES ON OR BEFORE ARRIVAL OF THE FUMIGATION CREW.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES CAN ANYONE ENTER THE BUILDING UNTIL THE FUMIGATION COMPANY'S NOTICE IS POSTED GIVING THE TIME AND DATE FOR SAFE RE-ENTRY.

"State law requires that you be given the following information: CAUTION-PESTICIDES ARE TOXIC CHEMICALS. Structural pest control companies are registered and regulated by the Structural Pest Control Board, and apply pesticides which are registered and approved for use by the California Dept. of Pesticide Regulation and the United States environmental Protection Agency. Registration is granted when the State finds that based on existing scientific evidence there are no appreciable risks if proper use conditions are followed or that the risks are outweighed by the benefits. The degree of risk depends upon the degree of exposure, so exposure should be minimized.

If within 24 hours you experience symptoms of dizziness, headache, nausea, reduced awareness, slowed movement, garbled speech or difficulty in breathing, leave the structure immediately and seek medical attention by contacting your physician or Poison Control Center [800] 876-4766 and notify your pest control company. The warning agent, chloropicrin, can cause symptoms of tearing, respiratory distress and vomiting. Entry into the space during fumigation can be fatal.

For further information, contact any of the following: your pest control company [619] 584-8155; Health Questions: County Dept. of Health [619] 692-8499; for Application Information: County Agricultural Commissioner [858] 694-2739; and for Regulatory Information: Structural Pest Control Board [800] 737-8188, 2005 Evergreen St, Sacramento, CA 95815."

FOR HEALTH QUESTIONS:

COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT	COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER	POISON CONTROL CENTER	STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL BOARD
TELEPHONE # [619] 692-8499	TELEPHONE # [858] 694-2739	TELEPHONE # [800] 876-4766	TELEPHONE # [800] 737-8188

I hereby acknowledge receipt of a copy of this document as well as a list that includes the instructions for the necessary preparations for the fumigation, procedures for leaving the structure, and the following documents.

Fact Sheet for Vikane (on the reverse side of this form) & Fumigation Preparation Information (NYLOFUME bag instructions on the reverse side of that form)

We suggest that you notify nearby neighbors of the date of fumigation and to keep pets away during the fumigation. Close off any open access to the subarea to prevent pets from entering.

Other: _____

Owner/Agent signature _____ Date _____

Occupant Signature _____ Date _____

Owner/Agent signature _____ Date _____

Occupant Signature _____ Date _____