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Next round of Critical Use Exemption Applications Due

On May 7, 2004, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a Federal Register (69FR7359) call-out notice for submission of Critical Use Exemption (CUE) applications for the 2006 and 2007 calendar years. CUEs are designed to allow the continued production of methyl bromide for those uses that have no technically and economically feasible alternatives. Therefore, applications must include technical and economic information to support the critical need for methyl bromide in the years 2006 and 2007. CUE applications must be submitted in triplicate and postmarked on or before August 8, 2004.

This EPA notification signals the third round of CUE applications. The first round for 2005 CUEs resulted in 19.7M lbs of methyl bromide allowed for critical uses in the US. In the second round for 2006, the Montreal Protocol review groups are presently considering the US nomination for 20.7M lbs. While individual user applications will be accepted, EPA continues to encourage users with similar circumstances of use to submit a single application through an association or consortium group. Check with local, state, regional, or national commodity group associations to get information about their involvement in the process.

CUE application forms can be found at the EPA website, <http://www.epa.gov/ozone/mbr> . Supplemental EPA information can be found on the EPA website or in the May 7 FR notice. As in prior application rounds, the CUE applications will first go through a U.S. review. Then the U.S. will then submit a nomination package to the Montreal Protocol review committees for final review and approval. Authorization by the Montreal Protocol parties for CUE methyl bromide production for 2007 is expected in late 2005. The complete projected timeline for this round of 2004 CUE applications is summarized in the May 7 FR notice. Final reports of methyl bromide production authorized for CUEs can be found at <http://www.unep.org/ozone/index.asp> .

If you have questions about the CUE process, please contact us at 800-378-9451.

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