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To: Reassessments
Subject: Methyl bromide reassessment 2019 – Submission

To who it may concern,

I am very concerned over the continued use of Methyl Bromide on logs at the Port of Tauranga. My family resides in Mount Maunganui and my children, aged 7, 10 and 11, go to school very close to where the use of Methyl Bromide takes place. The predominant winds blow directly from the port to their schools (Mount Maunganui Intermediate and Omanu Primary). I am really concerned about the effects this has on our health, and on our local environment. It is highly toxic and should not be used in our community.

I highly encourage you to not allow an extension to the 2020 deadline as set out by the EPA in 2010. Research needs to be carried out on the health effects on the local population here in Mt Maunganui and I am highly concerned about its continued use so close to a windy residential area. I don't believe the current techniques and controls are providing workers, residents and the environment with enough safety from this highly toxic substance.

Please do not give the industry an extension out to 2030 - our health and environment is too important. Thank you for your consideration.

Many thanks,
Nicola Dance