

Vinyl Chloride Sprays Can't Be Sold—EPA

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The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) yesterday issued a rare emergency order to halt the sale of thousands of cans of pesticide sprays containing vinyl chloride—a chemical linked to a rare form of liver cancer.

The order, which takes effect immediately, covers 28 aerosol products intended for use in the home, hospitals, where food is handled or other enclosed areas. Outdoor sprays are not affected but the EPA said manufacturers are recalling them anyway.

An estimated 19,000 cans covered by the ban are believed to be on the market, and an unknown number of others are likely to be in the hands of consumers.

The industry was already in the process of recalling the sprays but EPA administrator Russell E. Train said the process was not moving fast enough.

"While the public health implications of exposure to vinyl chloride from short pesticide bursts are undetermined, the link between the gas and the cancer is suspected strongly enough to make it prudent public policy to ban further use of these products," Train said.

Vinyl chloride is used as a propellant in the aerosol sprays. Twelve cases of a rare liver cancer have been found among workers at factories where the chemical was in use.

Train's action was believed to be the first of its kind taken under the 1972 federal pesticide law which gives the agency power to issue an emergency order. The order halts the sale of the products involved at once, rather than allowing a time period to pass first as is the case with other bans the agency may impose.

The EPA had earlier released the names of some of the products involved after it asked the manufacturers to identify them. Yesterday it released all the names, including some whose manufacturers wanted kept secret for formula reasons.

The products are:
Brulin Bug Bomb; Paracide with Sevin; Demert Raw Roach, Ant and Wasp Killer; Cobra International Roach,

Ant and Wasp Killer; Rexall Ant and Roach Killer; Walgreen Ant and Roach Killer; Flea Killer for Dogs and Cats; Barcolene Spray Disinfectant; Coop Dairy Insecticide for Milk Houses and Animals.

Exelcide 16-ounce aerosol bomb; Navy Brand Thrifty 80; Mothrid Moth Proofer; Mothrid Moth Proofer Cedar Scented or Activated Moth Proof Spray Cedarized; Nokout 25 Aerosol Insecticide; Strike—Wasp and Hornet; Nokout 35 Insecticide; Spritz

Metered Air Sanitizer; Anchor Flea, Lice and Tick Bomb.

F-L-T Bomb; Wayne Flea, Lice and Tick; Rogers' Insecticide and Repellent; Total Release Insect Fogger; Crown "Total" Complete Release Insect Fogger; Roberts' "Total" Complete Release Insect Fogger; Chaparrone Flea & Tick Killer; Pyrethrin Insecticide Pressurized Dairy Insecticide; Coop Pyrethrin Insecticide Pressurized Dairy Insecticide, and Mid-am Brand Pyrethrin Insecticide.

Funeral Home's Body Is Finally Identified

SPARTANBURG, S.C., April 24 (AP)—He looked so good standing up there in the storeroom, neatly turned out in a black suit and hat. Looked so good, in fact, that the funeral home decided to keep him around for 3½ years.

Martha Evans had heard about the body at the J. W. Woodward Funeral Home, but she didn't really believe the stories. So when she was at the funeral parlor, she asked if she could see the body.

Upstairs she went. "Oh my God," she screamed. "It's Bellhouse."

Bellhouse was the family nickname for James Willie Evans, Mrs. Evans brother-in-law. He left home 27 years ago to become a migrant farm worker and has been missing ever since.

"I told them I just don't believe you got one up there that long," Mrs. Evans said today. "I just screamed out his name."

The perfectly preserved body, a white sheet keeping the dust from the suit, white shirt, black tie and hat, was standing upright.

"They asked if I was sure it was him. I told them I'm as sure of him as if he was standing right here," she said.

When she asked to see the body, she had no idea that it might be her brother-in-law.

"After a few years, we'd just given up," she said.

Officials said Evans, who was using the name William Bryant, was picking peaches in rural Spartanburg County 3½ years ago when he died at age 70. His wife, Lula Mae of New Jersey, and the rest of the family had searched for him from Florida northward.

Despite radio and newspaper announcements, no one claimed the body. After several months, Coroner George Adams told the funeral home that the state would pay \$50 for burial expenses. But the funeral home decided to keep the body.

"He looked just like he did several months before when we embalmed him, so I decided to try and see how long we could preserve him in case his relatives were finally found," said funeral home manager Earl Alexander. "It was out of the way and no one was stumbling over it."

The executive director of the South Carolina Funeral Directors Association, W. O. Folk, said the funeral home broke no law in keeping the body unburied so long.

Mrs. Evans identified the body last February but details were not announced until this week. The funeral is scheduled for July 27 to allow his relatives from California, Texas and New Jersey to attend.

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