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Historic Hawaiian Ship Preserved by Chemi-Pure and Vikane

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Chemi-Pure Termite & Pest Control used Vikane gas fumigant to eliminate an extensive drywood termite infestation on the Hokule'a, a full-scale replica of a wooden ancient voyaging canoe.

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HONOLULU — Recently Hokule'a, a full-scale replica of a wooden ancient voyaging canoe, was fumigated with [Vikane® gas fumigant](#) to eliminate an extensive drywood termite infestation. Built in 1975 by the Polynesian Voyaging Society, Hokule'a is the only one of its kind to be built in more than 600 years, when the ancient Polynesians used voyaging canoes to navigate the Pacific Ocean. An important icon to Hawaiian culture, Hokule'a has been on 10 voyages, all using ancient celestial navigation techniques. In 2007, the Polynesian Voyaging Society plans to have Hokule'a sail to Micronesia and Japan.



The crew of Chemi-Pure Termite & Pest Control work to seal Hokule'a ship with tarps while preparing for drywood termite fumigation with Vikane gas fumigant.

While the ship was dry-docked at a marine training center, Chemi-Pure Termite & Pest Control was called upon to complete the fumigation. Because of the historical significance of the ship, the company donated its services. In addition, Dow AgroSciences donated the Vikane needed to complete the job.

"Fumigating Hokule'a was an honor for our crew," said Gen Nishimura, president of Chemi-Pure. "By conducting fumigation with Vikane to eliminate the drywood termite problem, we are preserving a piece of Hawaiian history."

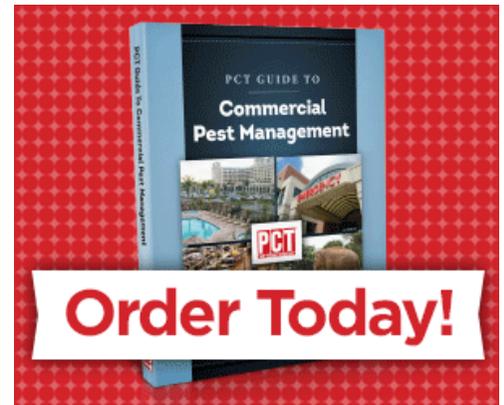
Because of the thick lamination on the wood, the Chemi-Pure crew increased the dosage of Vikane to ensure sufficient fumigant would penetrate throughout the wood to kill all the drywood termites in the allocated exposure time. In addition, other unique factors needed to be taken into consideration, such as the "cabins" or voids in the floor of the ship where people sleep. These areas required a thorough inspection to ensure no animals or people were inside.

Nishimura stated that the fumigation was a great success – completed on schedule, with the drywood termite problem completely eliminated. "Everyone involved was pleased with the outcome of the fumigation," Nishimura stated. "With the generosity of Dow AgroSciences, we are proud to have been able to donate our services."

For more information on whole-structure fumigation with Vikane® gas fumigant, visit www.TermiteTenting.com.



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TOP NEWS

[Terminix Acquires Assets of Eight Pest and Wildlife Control Companies](#)

The acquisitions span 10 states.

[Photos: Bed Bugs vs. Bat Bugs](#)

Additional photos from Dr. Michael Potter for the August PCT feature 'Holy Cow ...Bat Bugs and Bird Bugs.'

[EPA and d-Con Manufacturer Agree to Limit Consumer Access to Certain Rodenticides](#)

On Friday, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that it has reached agreement with the manufacturer of the popular consumer rodenticide D-Con to cancel 12 mouse and rat poison products that do not currently comply with EPA safety standards.

[NYC Launches New War Against Rats](#)

New York City is targeting so-called "rat reservoirs," which are areas where rodent populations survive and thrive, such as subways, sewers and city parks, CBS New York reports.

[Copesan Services Announces New Management Hires](#)

New staff will be at Copesan, as well as at Wil-Kil Pest Control and Holder's Pest Solutions.

