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Update on CDFA Spraying for LBAM

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On November 1, 2007, the Court denied Santa Cruz County's request for a temporary restraining order to stop the California Department of Food and Agriculture from conducting aerial pheromone spraying for the Light Brown Apple Moth over portions of Santa Cruz County. CDFA has announced plans to commence spraying in Santa Cruz County as scheduled between November 4 and November 9.

CDFA has set up an email notification system to inform residents of when and where spraying will occur. Those interested in receiving email updates may sign up at

<http://phpps.cdfa.ca.gov/notification/signup2.aspx>

Although the County's request for a temporary injunction was denied, the rest of the County's case is still proceeding. In the coming months, the County will be focusing its efforts on gathering information that may be presented to the court at a later hearing which may take place prior to the next scheduled round of spraying in late February 2008.

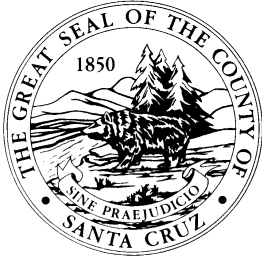
The County will be collecting evidence of illness or injury due to the aerial spraying for presentation to the Court. This information will be collected through local physicians and the County Health Services Agency (HSA).

In accordance with standard practices regarding the reporting of pesticide-related illnesses, the County Health Services Agency has issued a Health Advisory to all physicians in the County advising them that they are required to notify the County Health Officer, through the HSA Disease Control Unit, of illness or injury that they suspect was caused by pesticides.

Reports of illness or injury due to CDFA's aerial spraying can only be tabulated if they are reported by physicians. Self reporting will not be accepted by the Health Services Agency or other County departments.

Residents who believe that they have suffered illness or injury from CDFA's spraying should be seen by a physician. If the physician suspects that the illness or injury was caused by pesticides, the physician must submit a Confidential Report of Known or Suspected Pesticide-Related Illness to the County Disease Control Unit.

A copy of the Health Advisory is attached.



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HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

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DISEASE CONTROL UNIT

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

October 30, 2007

Public Health Issue:	CheckMate LBAM-F and/or CheckMate OLR-F Spraying for Control of the Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM)
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INCIDENT

The California Department of Food and Agriculture will be spraying CheckMate LBAM-F and/or CheckMate OLR-F in selected areas of Santa Cruz County --Soquel, Live Oak, Santa Cruz, Capitola, Aptos, and Scotts Valley, in order to address the light brown apple moth (LBAM) infestation.

Spraying will begin on November 4, 2007 and continue through November 9, 2007, between the hours of 8pm and 5am.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Physicians are required by law, Health and Safety Code 105200, to notify the County of Santa Cruz Health Officer, via the Disease Control Unit, of illness or injury that you suspect was caused by pesticides.
- Fax your completed **Confidential Report of Known or Suspected Pesticide-related Illness** to (831) 454-5049 or call (831) 454-4114 within 24 hours.
- The reporting form is included as a separate attachment.

INFORMATION

- The product that will be sprayed, CheckMate LBAM-F and/or CheckMate OLR-F, is a pheromone that purports to disrupt the mating of the light brown apple moth.
- The California Department of Food and Agriculture has posted a list of ingredients in CheckMate LBAM-F (but not CheckMate OLR-F) and it is included as a separate attachment.
- EPA evaluated the safety of the CheckMate products and concluded that the risks to human health and the environment are negligible.
- There are no diagnostic tests/biological markers for localized or systemic CheckMate LBAM-F or CheckMate OLR-F exposure.

Health Alert: conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention.

Health Advisory: provides important information for a specific situation; may not require immediate action.

Health Update: provides updated information regarding a situation; unlikely to require immediate action.