

# HELP STOP AERIAL PESTICIDE SPRAYING!

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has announced that it will commence aerial spraying for the light brown apple moth (LBAM) beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>. They intend to spray **MONTHLY for the NEXT 5 YEARS**. They will spray Monterey, Seaside, Pacific Grove, Carmel and 9 additional counties all the way to Marin County

After the LBAM spray in September and November, 2007, over 640 people were documented with respiratory, skin, digestive and other health issues directly connected to the spray. 1000's of dead birds washed on shore.

**The spray has not been tested for safety.** Only one of constituents of the complex chemical formula that the CDFA is using has been short term tested, and only on rats and rabbits. No long term studies have been conducted and absolutely no testing on humans.

The CDFA continues to disseminate incorrect and misleading information. One of the more pressing concerns is that the spray has not been tested for its effects on human lungs. The CDFA reported that the spray particle size is 1000 microns. UC Davis tested the spray and found it to be in the 10 micron range. This is great concern as particles this small can cause tremendous and permanent damage to lung tissue. **Asbestos particles are 15-75 microns!**

Biologists at UC Davis agree that spraying is an outdated, unsustainable, expensive pest control method – **it will not eradicate the moth.** Entomologists agree that a program using pheromone sticky traps is the least toxic, the most economic and the most effective method.

CDFA itself says the moth has to date done no crop damage in California. Yet the CDFA has by-passed all health and safety regulations by declaring a pesticide emergency. CDFA has banned all public participation in policy decisions and has ignored independent scientific study. Priority must be given to public and environmental health and safety over speculative economic loss.

The aerial spray program disproportionately impacts vulnerable segments of the population. People with multiple chemical sensitivity are being forced to relocate. The homeless have no option to protect themselves from spraying. Children with compromised immune systems are particularly vulnerable

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. **Get active**, visit [www.CASSonline.org](http://www.CASSonline.org) / [www.1hope.org](http://www.1hope.org) / [www.stopthespray.org](http://www.stopthespray.org)!
2. **Visit [www.LBAMspray.com](http://www.LBAMspray.com)** for news, daily updates, events, and activities in Santa Cruz, Monterey and the entire San Francisco Bay Area.
3. **Make copies of this attached flyer** and distribute to friends.
4. **Set up an information table** at grocery stores, colleges and farmers markets.
5. **Contact the media:** Newspapers, weeklies, radio and television stations - voice your concern.
6. **Write the Governor and CDFA secretary** demanding a stop to the spray program and a shift to sustainable methods of least-toxic pest control.
7. **Ask your State and Federal Representative** to stop the aerial spraying.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger State Capitol Building Sacramento CA 95814 Phone: 916-445-2841 Fax: 916-558-3160 <a href="http://www.governor.ca.gov/">http://www.governor.ca.gov/</a>	Senator Joe Simitian State Capitol, Room 2080 Sacramento, CA 95814 Phone: 916-651-4011 Fax: 916-323-4529 Senator.Simitian@sen.ca.gov	Assemblymember John Laird State Capitol P.O. Box 942849 Sacramento, CA 94249-0027 Phone: 916-319-2027 Fax: 916-319-2127 Assemblymember.Laird@assembly.ca.gov	Senator Dianne Feinstein 331 Hart Senate Office Bldg. Washington, D.C. 20510 Phone: 202-224-3841 Fax: 202-228-3954 <a href="http://www.feinstein.senate.gov/">http://www.feinstein.senate.gov/</a>
Secretary A.G. Kawamura Calif. Dept. of Food & Agriculture 1220 N Street, Suite 400 Sacramento, CA 95814 akawamura@cdfa.ca.gov	Senator Barbara Boxer 112 Hart Senate Office Bldg. Washington, D.C. 20510 Phone: 202-224-3553 Fax: 202-228-2382 <a href="http://www.boxer.senate.gov/">http://www.boxer.senate.gov/</a>	Representative Sam Farr 1221 Longworth House Office Bldg. Washington, D.C. 20514 Phone: 202-225-2861 Fax: 202-225-6791 samfarr@mail.house.gov	Senator Abel Maldonado 590 Calle Principal Monterey, CA 93940 Fax: 831-657-6320 Phone: 831-657-6315 senator.maldonado@sen.ca.gov