

SIX THINGS YOU CAN DO NOW TO STOP THE SPRAY – 4/1/10

1. Call USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack & ask him to reclassify the light brown apple moth to non-quarantinable status and stop the LBAM program now.

phone: 202-720-3631 is the main line for the USDA. Ask to leave a message for Secretary Vilsack. OR
EMAIL: agsec@usda.gov

*Talking points for calls/emails below after #2

2. Call California Department of Food & Agriculture Secretary A.G. Kawamura & ask him to stop the wasteful, unnecessary, dangerous LBAM program now.

phone: 916-654-0433 OR email: akawamura@cdfa.ca.gov

*Talking points for calls/emails:

-the moth has been intercepted in CA since 1984, but the state can point to only 1 questionable incident of possible apple moth damage in the past 26 years

- the program is an enormous waste of taxpayer money in hard economic times
- quarantine inspections and restrictions have been devastating for some farmers; government agriculture agencies should be supporting farmers not punishing them
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3. Call your local city councilmember or county supervisor & ask that the council or board immediately send a letter to Secretary Kawamura asking him to end the LBAM program now, for the reasons above.

4. Call your state and federal representatives & ask them to support federal reclassification of the moth & ending of the apple moth quarantines & eradication program, & tell them that the eradication program is a complete waste of taxpayer money.

* some key contacts at end of this document

5. Call the state departments of Public Health, Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, and Pesticide Regulation and ask them to contact Agriculture Secretary Kawamura & request that the full formulas of the apple moth pesticides, including the adjuvants or so-called inerts, be disclosed (and for good measure add that you think this program is a complete waste of taxpayer money).

CA Department of Public Health: Mark Horton, Director 916- 558-1700 [ASK TO LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR DR. MARK HORTON] mark.horton@cdph.ca.gov

CA Department of Pesticide Regulation Mary Ann Warmerdam, Director 916-324-1452
mwarmerdam@cdpr.ca.gov

Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment: Joan Denton, Director (916) 322-6325
jdenton@oehha.ca.gov

6. Call or email the office of State Assemblymember Sandré Swanson and express your appreciation for his introduction of AB 1721, the School Healthy and Safety Protection Zones Act, which would establish pesticide spray safety zones around schools across the state. 916-319-2016 OR Fax: (916) 319-2116

SOME BAY AREA LEGISLATOR CONTACTS

Federal:

U.S. Representative Barbara Lee (East Bay) (510) 763-0370

U.S. Representative Nancy Pelosi (San Francisco) (415) 556-4862

Senator Dianne Feinstein (415) 393-0707

Senator Barbara Boxer (415) 403-0100

State:

Assemblymember Sandré R. Swanson (Oakland, Piedmont, Alameda) 916-319-2016

Assemblymember Nancy Skinner (Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, San Pablo, Kensington, Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda, Pleasant Hill) (916) 319-2014

Assemblymember Tom Torlakson (Northern Contra Costa) (916) 319-2011

Assemblymember Jared Huffman (Marin) (916) 319-2006

Senator Mark Leno (SF, Marin) (916) 651-4003

Senator Loni Hancock (East Bay) (916) 651-4009