

**Finding of No Significant Impact  
for  
Oriental Fruit Fly Cooperative Eradication Program  
Lakewood, Los Angeles County, California  
Environmental Assessment  
August 2008**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) that analyzes alternatives for eradication of the Oriental fruit fly, an exotic agricultural pest that has been found in areas of Los Angeles County, California. The EA, incorporated by reference in this document, is available from—

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Sacramento, CA 95814

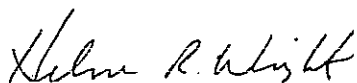
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USDA, APHIS, PPQ  
Fruit Fly Exclusion and Detection Program  
4700 River Road, Unit 137  
Riverdale, MD 20737-1234

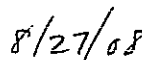
The EA for this program analyzed alternatives of (1) no action, and (2) eradication and quarantine only (preferred alternative) APHIS selected eradication using an integrated pest management approach for the proposed program because of its capability to achieve eradication in a way that also reduces the magnitude of potential environmental consequences.

APHIS has determined that this program will have no effect on endangered and threatened species based upon its review of proposed program operations and upon review of listed species within the eradication area. It was determined that no listed endangered or threatened species would co-exist within the treatment area.

I find that implementation of the proposed program will not significantly impact the quality of the human environment. I have considered and based my finding of no significant impact on the quantitative and qualitative risk assessments of the proposed pesticides and on my review of the program's operational characteristics. In addition, I find that the environmental process undertaken for this program is entirely consistent with the principles of environmental justice, as expressed in Executive Order 12898, and the protection of children, as expressed in Executive Order 13045. Lastly, because I have not found evidence of significant environmental impact associated with this proposed program, I further find that an environmental impact statement does not need to be prepared and that the program may proceed.



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