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**3/18/08 Don't Spray California 's response to LBAM EIR preparation:**

**Questions which must fully be answered as part of the LBAM EIR draft preparation, and then final EIR:**

**-Which entity first called the LBAM a problem, and on what date?**

**-Which entity first called for pesticide use in response to the LBAM in California , and on precisely which date?**

**-Which governmental agency was first contacted by entity which first called LBAM a problem in CA?**

**-Was a state of emergency declared by the state of CA? If so, on which date?**

**-Was a state of emergency declared by the federal government? If so, on which date?**

**-On which doctors (please name each) has CDFa relied for health information about pesticides used and proposed or planned for use within the LBAM program anywhere in the state?**

**-On which doctors (please name each) has the USDA relied for health information about pesticides used and proposed or planned for use within the LBAM program in CA or any other U.S. state or occupied territory?**

**-Please supply detailed academic history of each doctor used as reference by CDFa or USDA for LBAM program**

**-On which scientists (please name each) has CDFa relied for toxicology about pesticides used and proposed or planned for use within the LBAM program anywhere in the state?**

**-On which scientists (please name each) has USDA relied for toxicology about pesticides used and proposed or planned for use within the LBAM program in CA or any other U.S. state or occupied territory?**

**-Please supply detailed academic history of each toxicologist used by CDFa OR USDA for LBAM program**

**-Please supply detailed work and job history as well as any potential conflicts of interest such as past or present employment by pesticide or pharmacology or genetic engineering firms for each doctor, toxicologist, representative or agent of CDFa or USDA for LBAM program, or stock or other particular interest in related companies, including by relations from whom they might expect to be included in inheritance pool**

**-Please supply above-requested information about doctors and toxicologists for Glassy-winged Sharpshooter program for CA or any other state; for Medfly program for CA or any other state; for Gypsy Moth program for CA or any other state; for the Blue-green Sharpshooter for CA or any other state, and for any other insects or "weeds" for which the CDFa and or USDA**

presently have or expect to have, or are preparing for the possibility of having, statewide pesticide programs in place during the next two decades.

**-Detail the history of the Medfly program including dates of emergencies called; numbers of insects known at time in state; numbers of same insect known in state in 2008**

**-Detail same for GWSS; BGSS; GM**

**-Detail Hawai'i 's Agricultural response to LBAM**

**-Detail New Zealand's Agricultural response to LBAM, including ill-fated use of insecticides which killed natural predators of LBAM, and caused LBAM resistance, only remedied by ceasing use of chemical insecticides**

**-Detail toxicology of Checkmate, of either or any formulation; chemical twist ties; chemically-based sticky traps; Permethrins planned for utility poles, trees or any other use; Spinosad; Btk; Bt**

**-Detail synergism within any product or formulation used within the LBAM program, and between products which could have overlapping use including ongoing time-release which would qualify for intents and purposes as 'use'**

**-Detail danger of trapping, including specific dangers of various colored traps**

**-Detail danger of pheromones of any type interrupting the mating cycles of non-target moth species**

**-Detail lack of subsidization for farmers and growers when eradication programs cause crop loss due to crops being seized, or crops being damaged due to handling. Detail under CDFA program; detail under USDA program**

**-Detail lack of subsidization for farmers and growers when eradication programs' paperwork or quarantines cause economic loss? Detail under CDFA program; detail under USDA program**

**-Detail how information about CDFA LBAM program information is made accessible to public. Detail who is responsible for updating website and how information is accessible to people who have little or no access to computer or no phone, or too little money to make phone calls to CDFA or USDA numbers which are not toll-free**

**-Detail how decisions have been made, and would be expected to be made in future, about precisely when to spray**

**-Detail how decisions have been made, and would be expected to be made in future, about how residents of areas planned for pesticide use would be notified.**

**-Detail how workers in areas planned for pesticide use would be notified**

**-Detail how visitors to areas planned for pesticide use would be notified**

**-Detail lack of subsidization for businesses losing money due to loss of business related to LBAM pesticides program**

**-Address the issue of a forced spray or other pesticides program and Californians' constitutional right to obtain health**

- Address the issue of such for those imprisoned by the state or federal government within LBAM spray/ pesticide use zones**
- Detail monies or resources made available for any aspect of the LBAM program, to which agencies, and how exactly the state or feds demand monies or other resources be used within this program. Address monies being accessed specifically for pesticide use**
- Detail the economic devastation which will occur within the state with any continued pesticide use within LBAM program; specifically, address the loss of wages and productivity as people suffer acute or later chronic effects from pesticide exposures; the loss of monies to schools due to poor school attendance related to pesticide illnesses and then loss of monies tied to good performance on tests, likely to drop with school and study time lost; the loss of city, county, state and federal money as more people end up on county medical rolls and SSI; the economic loss resulting from the impoverization of people chemically-injured as a result of LBAM spraying, including related to their having to give up jobs and homes and leave the area entirely to try to escape this program, and related to an outpouring of out-of-pocket costs for appropriate healthcare**
- Detail the economic devastation which could occur to the organics industry. Specifically, detail the losses which are occurring as people are rejecting food from areas which have been sprayed**
- Detail plan for response if major grocery chains refuse to carry foods grown as organic if organic farms are sprayed with toxic pesticides and CDFA continues to say farmers can still label organic**
- Detail lack of subsidization for major economic losses if there is a boycott of California-grown foods as a result of the LBAM pesticides program**
- Detail who suggested decision be made to allow Organic farmers to label organic, even after their crops were sprayed. When was this decided, and by whom?**
- Address the lack of subsidization for those farmers whose organic farms were sprayed and who will have to go back through a 3-year transition process if their foods are to be understood as organic as the public understands the label.**
- Detail how CDFA has not made easily accessible, often having no information obviously available on site, about EIR scoping meetings, or other meetings being attended by CDFA representatives with city or county representatives in various counties**
- Detail why CDFA would dare call this program environmentally-safe**
- Detail why eradication not a possibility**
- Detail who stands to profit from which aspects of a pesticides approach to the LBAM**
- Detail the funding mechanism for this LBAM program, and for the GWSS; BGSS; Medfly; and GM programs**
- Detail the pesticide-specific funding portions for the LBAM program, and for the GWSS; BGSS; Medfly and GM programs**
- Detail job title, job description and salaries plus benefits of each person working as part of LBAM program**

**-Detail backgrounds and potential conflicts of interest of each person within the LBAM program who is part of the Medfly program, still going strong after close to 30 years; each who is part of BGSS program; each who is part of GWSS program; each who is part of GM program**

**ADDITION 3/18/08:**

**-Detail provisions taken and/ or planned for homeless people statewide. Specifically, detail how state and/ or feds have and/ or plan to notify homeless people with reasonable notice, and provisions made to transport them, if they desire, to other locales, or provisions made to provide housing not only during application times, but as time-release and ongoing release chemicals are part of program, provide permanent housing for duration of the program, for several years. Detail funding mechanism to support this**

**- Detail provisions taken and/ or planned for immune system-compromised or particularly vulnerable people statewide including, but not limited to pregnant women; babies; toddlers; children; children moving through hormonal transitions into adolescents; Menopausal women and middle-aged men moving through hormonal transitions into elder life; elderly people; chemically-injured people; people with Multiple Chemical Sensitivity, also known to EPA as Chemical Sensitivity; people with cancers; people with HIV or AIDS; people with Hep C; people on chemotherapy; people with Lou Gehrig's; people with Parkinson's; people with blood sugar abnormalities and Diabetes; people with Low or High Thyroid problems**

**-Specifically, detail how state and/ or feds have and/ or plan to notify these populations with reasonable notice, and provisions made to transport them, if they desire, to other locales, or provisions made to provide housing not only during application times, but as time-release and ongoing release chemicals are part of program, provide permanent housing for the duration of the program, for several years. Detail funding mechanism to support this**

**Sincerely,**

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