

Finding of No Significant Impact
Oriental Fruit Fly Cooperative Eradication Program
for Los Angeles and Orange Counties, California
Environmental Assessment
August 2013

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) that analyzes alternatives for control of the oriental fruit fly, *Bactrocera dorsalis*, an exotic agricultural pest that has been detected in a portion of Los Angeles and Orange Counties, California, that includes the cities of Artesia and Anaheim. The EA, incorporated by reference in this document, is available from—

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The EA for this program analyzed alternatives of (1) no action and (2) eradication. Each of the alternatives was determined to have potential environmental consequences. APHIS has selected eradication using an integrated pest management approach for the program because of its capability to achieve eradication in a way that also reduces the magnitude of those potential environmental consequences.

To ensure non-English speaking residents in the treatment area are adequately served, APHIS outreach will provide materials in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, and/or Vietnamese to appropriate individuals as their needs are identified.

APHIS has reviewed the program area and proposed program treatment activities and determined that there is no potential for effects to listed species or critical habitat. All program treatments are restricted to residential neighborhoods, commercial groves, and industrial districts. No pesticide treatments will occur within 100 feet of any water body or to any native vegetation, riparian habitat, or other sites identified as environmentally sensitive, including critical habitat for listed species. Should the program area expand, or a new species or critical habitat be listed, APHIS will revisit this determination and consult with the appropriate consulting agency, as necessary. A full administrative record for this consultation is available upon request.

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 program pesticides, and on my review of the program's operational characteristics. Further, I find the preferred alternative to be consistent with the principles of environmental justice as expressed in Executive Order 12898, "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low- Income Populations," and the protection of children, as expressed in Executive Order 13045, "Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks." The program does not pose

any disproportionate adverse effects to children, minority populations, or low-income populations over those effects to the general population. Lastly, because I have not found evidence of significant environmental impacts associated with this 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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