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FROM: Kurt E. Floren 
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SUBJECT: **ORIENTAL FRUIT FLY ERADICATION**

Since my last update of August 19, 2008, five additional specimens of Oriental Fruit Fly (OFF) have been detected in Lakewood, with three trapped yesterday and two today. California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) personnel will continue with the "male attractant" technique, as described in my update dated August 14, 2008, and, due to these new detections, such applications will proceed for at least six more biweekly sessions. Applications to host plant foliage of Spinosad, an organic pesticide derived from fermentation of a naturally occurring soil bacteria, will be conducted on Friday upon the find site properties and those immediately adjacent. Residents are being notified of the applications today.

As is routine when OFF specimens are detected, CDFA is cutting fruit on and around each find site to inspect for the presence of OFF maggots. Any fruit found to be hosting maggots will be destroyed to prevent the spread of the pest.

The five specimens were detected near earlier detection sites and within the boundaries of the current quarantine. These finds do not necessitate expansion of the area under quarantine.

We are informing the City Managers of Lakewood, Bellflower, Long Beach, and Cerritos, their respective public utilities and public works departments, the County Department of Public Works, and your Board offices in the treatment area to enable staff to answer questions from the public.

I will continue to update you as details become available and warrant an update.

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