

# Symptoms or Illness Potentially Related to Pesticides Used in LBAM Trapping and Eradication Program in California 2008

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**Symptoms and Duration** of Each Symptom (example "tingling on skin – Thursday at 11am")

In the Sonoma Board of Supervisors Chambers, for a meeting with the Supervisors, California Dept of Food & Agriculture, and Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment. I had found a seat in front earlier that worked for me, but by the time I came back into the room, CDFA and OEHHA representatives had taken their seats nearby. After a few minutes my throat got irritated. A few more minutes later Moira Sullivan, from OEHHA, rifled through a bag next to her, pulled out a ziplock bag with LBAM "pheromone" twist ties in it, and held it up in the air. Phlegm developed in my throat, and my thought processes slowed down, so that it took a while to realize I had to get up and move away to avoid an asthma attack. She also held up a trap with another chemical moth lure in it. My nose started to run profusely, and didn't stop until I left the building after the meeting several hours later. I went to the back of the room, but still had difficulty breathing. There was also a table full of various insect traps outside the doors to the room. After a while I developed neurological symptoms I get when exposed to certain chemicals. My hand and head started jerking, and it was difficult for me to form thoughts. I attempted to participate in the hearing, but when I got up to the podium, near Ms. Sullivan and the twist ties and trap, I could barely speak, and I felt faint. I could not finish my three minutes of public comment I was entitled to. An hour after the meeting the lymph nodes in my neck were swollen, and my electrolytes were so unbalanced that I had severe visual disturbances, heart pounding, was extremely nauseous, and my limbs became so weak I had to lie down. A friend drove me home, and I collapsed for 15 hours, followed by 13 hours the following night, and several more nights with similarly long stretches of sleep. I also lost my sense of smell at the beginning of that meeting, and only slowly regained it about 3 weeks later.

**Date & Time** symptoms began July 8, 2008, shortly after 9am

**Geographic Location** where you first experienced symptoms Sonoma Bd of Supervisors Chambers, Santa Rosa, CA

**Any Previous General Health Problems** (such as asthma, weak immune system) Multiple Chemical Sensitivities (MCS) from previous pesticide poisoning, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease/Asthma

Were you aware of pesticide applications before symptoms began? No (Yes/No)

Did you Hear Planes Flying Overhead? N/A (Yes/No) Did you see Twist Ties Nearby? Yes (Yes/No)

Did you see Traps? Yes (Yes/No) Other Pesticide Applications? No (Yes/No) (Describe what you saw below)

Any other relevant information (attach additional pages if necessary) My friend, who also got ill there, had made an access request prior to the public hearing to the Board of Supervisors and CDFA, that there would be no twist ties, traps nor other pesticide products, as we knew CDFA had brought them to previous meetings, where others had been made ill by them.

**I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California the foregoing is true and correct.**

Signed Isis Feral

Executed this 15 day of August, 2008, at (location:) Oakland, California