

Spraying

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Many residents, however, have opposed the aerial spraying, and feel that their health and well-being is suffering at the expense of protecting California's agricultural industry.

In Monterey County, more than 200 people reported feeling ill and suffering respiratory problems after the state sprayed the Monterey Peninsula in September and October. Their illnesses were cited in a lawsuit that ultimately stopped the spraying temporarily until a Monterey County judge decided the illnesses weren't related to the pesticide.

In Santa Cruz County, dozens of residents have reported falling sick from the spraying in November, although many have not necessarily contacted the state, according to Liz Koch, one of the residents who organized the meeting. The state said it received seven official health complaints after the spraying.

Mike Lindberg, a Monterey

County resident, has set up a e-mail address for those who feel they have been sickened by the spray. So far, he has received dozens of reports, he told the audience.

That e-mail address is reactiontospraying@yahoo.com.

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