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Apple moth treatment opponents make case

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Attorneys for a coalition of environmentalists and health advocates made their opening statements in court this week in a lawsuit challenging a 2010 Environmental Impact Report that said spraying for the light brown apple moth in Santa Cruz and Monterey counties is safe and necessary.

In its opening brief, the coalition said the California Department of Food and Agriculture violated state law by misrepresenting the dangers of spraying.

The lawsuit alleges that the CDFA has failed to show the moth is causing damage, and therefore that the program is unnecessary.

It also accuses the CDFA of making last-minute changes to the program that allows spraying to continue indefinitely.

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