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Dear Producer,

Mayor Kim has directed the Department of Research and Development to assess the economic and social impact of the Little Fire Ant (LFA) (*Wasmannia auropunctata*) on Hawai'i county. As a producer, the County is concerned about the impact that LFA may have on your cost to do business and the health and welfare of your employees, your family and yourself.

We would like to ask for your cooperation in discussing the questions on the attached document with your supervisors and employees. Please enter your answers on the document and email it to Glenn.sako@hawaiicounty.gov by August 17, 2017. It can also be faxed to 935-1205. There may be follow up questions based on your responses. If you have any questions, please contact Glenn Sako at 961-8811.

Sincerely,

Diane L. Ley
Director, Research and Development