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WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

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Jon Jennings – Mosquito Control Permit Comments
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Dear Mr. Jennings,

The Benton County Mosquito Control District has done an outstanding job in the past to control so called nuisance mosquitoes, enabling residents to enjoy their summer evenings outside. It distresses me no end to realize that they may be prevented from doing so in the future.

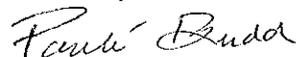
I have lived in this area for more than 50 years, and I vividly recall summer evenings in those early days when it was literally impossible to remain outside of a summer evening because of mosquitoes that were more than a mere nuisance. They made remaining outside in the evenings impossible. I don't think anyone wants to relive that aspect of the early days.

I strongly encourage you to alter the proposed permit so that it will read: **The Permittee is authorized to discharge incidental amounts of adulticides and their residues to waters of the state for nuisance and vector mosquito control.** So long as the Benton County Mosquito Control District has been spraying to control the mosquitoes, I have never heard of any harm resulting from this spraying, but many sighs of relief when they have done their job and residents are once again able to enjoy their backyards, picnics in the parks and so on.

On paper, the proposal as it stands may look pretty good, but in practice it would be a disaster.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,



Pauli Budd

Copy to: Angela Balint, Manager
Benton County Mosquito Control District

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