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

I am writing to express my concern over the proposed wording in the draft NPDES permit requirement, in particular the statement "Adulticides and their residues used for nuisance mosquito control must not be discharged to waters of the state."

First, let me make it clear that I am for reasonable and effective control of all types of pollutants. But in all cases these controls should be balanced against the effects to the public.

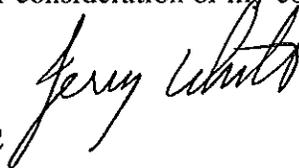
The words from the draft permit, noted above, would prevent Mosquito Control Districts from spraying for and adequately controlling the adult mosquito population since these are currently classified as 'nuisance' rather than health issues.

For much of Washington, and in particular the area where I live, the ability to control insects of all types, and in particular mosquitoes, is key to economic development. The control of insects provides us with an environment that our residents and visitors consider important to enjoyment of and residence in our area.

A second concern is that while adult mosquitoes may currently be considered only a nuisance, it is only a period of time, and probably a very short time, until the viruses that mosquitoes carry will become a very serious health concern. It makes sense to allow for control of mosquitoes before this health concern becomes a reality.

I will appreciate your consideration of my comments.

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