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WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

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SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ECOLOGY AQUATIC MOSQUITO
CONTROL NPDES DRAFT GENERAL PERMIT

Our home is located on the Snake River near the McNary Wildlife Preserve and Burbank Slough. We live in this area because we enjoy the wildlife and outdoor activities. We spend a great deal of time maintaining our yard, mowing our lawn, walking, picnicking, fishing, and enjoying the public parks in the State of Washington.

If the Washington State Department of Ecology imposes, as written, the new permit on Mosquito Control Districts in Washington State, it will drastically change our quality of life. All of our outdoor activities would be intolerable because of mosquitoes. The permit as written would put our family, the local wildlife, and livestock in this area at a much greater risk of contracting a mosquito borne disease such as West Nile Virus and Encephalitis. It does not make sense to us to change control strategies from a proactive control program to becoming reactive. Our 2010 Walla Walla County Property Tax includes an assessment to cover Mosquito Control, which apparently will not provide much in the line of protection.

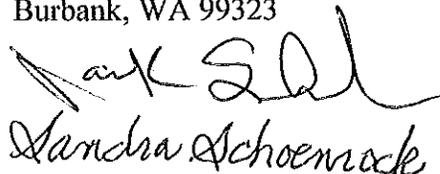
Please consider the following comments:

1. Do not separate nuisance and vector mosquitoes, both need to be controlled.
2. Eliminate the use of the term "waters of the state".
3. Change the current language to allow organized mosquito control districts under Chapter 17.28 RCW to adulticide to control vector and nuisance mosquitoes as listed in the districts' integrated Pest Management Plan.
4. Eliminate Malathion and Nalid restrictions from the permit.

WE SUPPORT OUR MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICTS!! EXCESSIVE MOSQUITOES WILL IMPACT OUR HEALTH, QUALITY OF LIFE, USE OF PARKS, RECREATION, WILL HAVE AN ECONOMIC IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY AND POSSIBLY CAUSE QUALIFIED PERSONS TO BE OUT OF WORK.

Sincerely,

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