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Public Comment Form for:

Ecology Aquatic Mosquito Control NPDES Draft General Permit

Public comment period ends March 17, 2010 at 5:00 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I live in Burbank, Washington and this new permit would affect the way I live my life in many ways. Our whole area is surrounded by multiple rivers and backwater ponds and if the adulticiding in this area was stopped for a whole mosquito season then there would be a large outbreak of disease. Everyone would be getting sick because of the massive amounts of mosquitoes that there would be flying around. There would be large clouds of them surrounding people, and people would have to go to the hospital. Even with adulticiding it is still hard to go out during the night or just as it is getting dark without getting bit. Plus in the area we live in fishing and other outdoor activities are very popular, and it can get to hot to do those things during the day so we do them at night. But with that many mosquitoes around all of those activities wouldn't be possible. Also without the adulticiding there would be no where you could go without mosquitoes around.

We also have a mosquito control building in our town that has their own argo. They use it to go around all of the ponds and sloughs to spray. They are a big help, and a lot of people wish that they would spray more often. They even bring mosquito fish to houses that have little ponds, and they check around your house to make sure you have no spots that mosquito larvae could be. So what would be the point of having a place like that in our community if we can't even have them spray? It would just be a waste. I'm not saying that you need to get rid of your permit; you just need to change it around so that we could still go outside during the summer. That way the amount of pesticides is cut down but there is still spraying. Then there wouldn't be a massive outbreak of mosquitoes.

Respectfully Submitted,



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