

Public Comment Form for:
Ecology Aquatic Mosquito Control NPDES Draft General Permit
Public comment period ends March 17, 2010 at 5:00 PM

Please hand comments to the hearings officer or mail to:
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Comments:

There ~~are~~ are some of my family members who
have serious allergy problems to all mosquito bites.
I feel we need to have the protection that the
mosquito control have been using previous to
this time

Daniel J. Miller

(Additional public comment)

Mosquito control needs your help!

The Washington State Department of Ecology is currently trying to impose a new permit on Mosquito Control Districts in Washington State. The Columbia Mosquito Control District (CMCD) agrees that we need this permit for protection; however some wording in the permit must be changed. The permit as written would not allow for nuisance adulticiding (**fogging**) and would not allow for vector (disease carrying mosquitoes) adulticiding until the disease is sustained in the district for the season. The permit requires the district to change their control strategies from implementing a proactive control program to becoming reactive.

How this would affect you!

Not being able to adulticide for mosquitoes would drastically change our quality of life in this district. Going for a walk, a back yard BBQ, fishing, horseback riding and any outdoor activity would be intolerable because of mosquitoes. The permit as written would put you, your family and your livestock at a much greater risk of contracting a mosquito borne disease such as West Nile Virus and Encephalitis.

What can you do to help?

The CMCD is asking you to submit public comments on this permit. It is a time sensitive matter as public comments will only be accepted until **March 17th 2010** at 5:00 p.m. Comments can be mailed, faxed or emailed to the address on the comment page provided, however it is not mandatory that you use the comment page provided. A personal email will work. Please pass this information on to anyone you know that lives in Washington State.

Comments that Need to be Addressed

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.
5. Let them know that you support mosquito control districts. Excessive mosquitoes will impact your health, quality of life, use of parks, recreation and an economic impact on our community.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to call Columbia Mosquito Control District 509-547-4994.