DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

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Dear Sir:

We have been residents of Marine View Heights, located within the Potholes Reservoir area for the past 26 years. We would like to express our feelings regarding discontinuing to spray and kill mosquitoes in the potholes area of Grant County.

When I moved to this area we had no Grant County program to kill mosquitoes and they were everywhere. With a Mosquito Spray Program summer recreational values improved, fishing was great but eventually we became aware of words, like West Nile Virus, encephalitis, meningitis and paralysis as mosquitoes are carriers of these diseases to both livestock and humans.

At the meeting held on March 9th at the Fire Hall in Moses Lake is was mentioned by D.O.E. employees that airborne spraying to kill mosquitoes would not be allowed in and about the area surrounding the Potholes Reservoir which had been under a county spray program for the past several years. .

1. Are toxic farm chemicals also going to be banned from flowing into the waters in Grant County as they have been for the past several years
2. At the March 9th meeting the speaker knew very little about sampling at the reservoir and gave the impression that sampling was non-existent which would mean our waters have the same quality as it has had for the past several years.
3. It is my understanding that in the past the chemical sprays used to spray kill mosquitoes are natural pyrethrins which are approved for aquatic use. The amount used is just over 1/2 oz per acre, which is below the danger level for fish and other aquatic life. These chemicals are EPA registered and FIFRA labeled for wide area Mosquito control.

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In closing I'd like to suggest continuance of Grant Counties Mosquito Spray Program for Nuisance and Victor Mosquitoes so we the people can continue our quality of life and health and local businesses will flourish.

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