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WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

To Whom it may concern,

My name is Cindi Kiehn. I Live at 9003 S. Missimer Rd, Prosser-Washington 99350. It has come to my attention from my neighbor that if new regulations come into affect their will not be anymore spraying of mosquitos due to the NPDES permit requirements. I am appalled to find out you consider the mosquitoes in ~~our~~ area as nuisance mosquitoes. Recently, West Nile Virus was found in Byron Ponds, only, 2 1/2 miles from where we Live. Also, at Least one horse in the area has contacted West Nile Virus. Prosser is a rural Community with stagnant irrigation ditches, slews and ponds. With the light winters its a breeding ground for mosquitoes. I Live adjacent to a gravel pit with a slew and another pond directly across the street. These beds of water are farther than 500 feet from any residence and the Yakima ~~also~~ River. As property owners we pay a lot of money for mosquito control and it has been providing a' good service for over 40 years. In fact in my opinion the Yakima River is Slightly Cleaner than 40 years ago.

The tourism in Prosser is not from water activities from the Yakima. The tourism is from multi-million dollar wineries springing up in the area. One person contacting West-Nile Virus would be enough to stop all tourism in Prosser.

Thank you. Cindi Kiehn

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