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WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

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Dear Mr. Jennings:

I am writing in response to the article which appeared in the Columbia Basin Herald a few weeks ago.

I cannot believe that you are considering curtailing mosquito spraying in the Moses Lake area. Have you stopped to think the impact that will have on the Moses Lake residents? The possibility of the West Nile infections alone is very scary and , how about encephalitis? If my memory serves me right, the Mosquito District was formed several years ago because of the loss of horses due to encephalitis.

My residence is on the lake and because of the effective spraying by the Mosquito District, we have been able to enjoy the outdoors in the summer. Moses Lake has over 100 miles of shoreline and acres and acres of wetlands which are the breeding grounds for mosquitoes. I'm afraid to even think about how this will affect tourism if Moses Lake becomes a mosquito-infected area.

Please, please rethink your decision not only for the city of Moses Lake but for its children (and people) and their well being.

Sincerely,



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