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To: Jennings, Jonathan (ECY);
cc: angela@mosquitocontrol.org;
Subject: Adult Mosquitos in Richland
Date: Monday, March 01, 2010 1:48:34 PM

Dear Mr. Jennings,
Last summer our neighborhood experienced a sharp increase in the population of biting mosquitos in our neighborhood. It wasn't just me who noticed, but many of my friends and neighbors as well. I encouraged everyone to call our local mosquito board, which I am pleased to say, were very responsive. We saw their trucks quite a bit over the next little while, and much to our relief, the mosquito populations decreased to a level to which we were much more accustomed.

It has recently come to my attention that new rules have been proposed which, had they been in place last summer, would have made this positive outcome impossible. I understand that this is because you consider these pests to be only a nuisance, and not disease carriers. While I don't know anyone who has died from a mosquito bite, last summer I knew many people, my own children included, who suffered greatly by their excessive biting. Having such a large population of these bugs present made outdoor living almost unbearable, and when we did attempt it, we were bitten so often that we became miserable. Also, at least one of my children suffered a secondary infection from all the scratching of they bits which they ended up doing.

What I am advocating is for you to alter the proposed pesticide permit to read, "**The Permittee is authorized to discharge incidental amounts of adulticides and their residues to waters of the state for nuisance and vector mospito control**." Having this small change will greatly affect the quality of life this summer for many, many people in the Tri-Cites, all of whom live close to several sources of water, aka mosquito breeding grounds.

Thank you in advance for considering my feelings on this matter.

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P.S. My letter represents the feelings of at least 8 other adults that I know of in my neighborhood