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Mr. Jon Jennings, Mosquito Control Permit Committee  
Washington State Department of Ecology  
Water Quality Program  
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Dear Mr. Jennings:

I understand your department is considering regulations which will make it impossible for our local Mosquito Control Districts to spray for adult "nuisance" mosquitoes, even when they become a problem for residents who like to use their yards in the cool of the evenings for either necessary yard work or recreation.

I remind you that most of our mosquito control districts were formed PRECISELY for the purpose of reducing or eliminating the "nuisance" (make that damn nuisance) mosquitoes that local residents have to endure during the time of the summer day most suitable for outdoor activities.

To change your regulations such that spraying for such "mosquitoes" comes close to defeating a large part of the purpose for the formation of these districts. Even if these nuisance mosquitoes don't carry dangerous diseases (not proven!) they can make many summer evenings outdoor either annoying or impossible. I can attest to this personally!

Please reconsider ANY change in your regulations that would prevent our very efficient mosquito control districts from doing a major part of the job for which they were formed (and we are paying).

This seems to be just one more example of a government agency that is somewhat remote from the situation posing regulations that are NOT in the best interests of the people affected.

Thank you for giving greater consideration to this aspect of the problem and not passing new regulations that will make our "nuisance" mosquito problem much worse than it is now.

Sincerely,

Robert Budd

Cc: Angela Balint, Manager  
Benton County Mosquito Control District