From: glenn caprio
To: Jennings, Jonathan (ECY);
Subject: Draft Mosquito Control Pesticides & NPDES Permit
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Dear Mr. Jennings:

I would like to urge the Department of Ecology to reconsider the current draft permit language. I live in Benton County, and have often called the Mosquito Control to come out to control the adult mosquito population. They always respond quickly and the population drastically reduces. There are multiple times when my family and our neighbors go outside to tend to business/fun in our yards, during mosquito living season, and they attack at any time of the day (morning, heat of the afternoon, or the typical evening hunt). I'm not talking just one or two biting, but, we can be covered with 10 at a time. I consider this unneccesary risk, especially with our area being known as to have the West Nile Virus. I have young children, so I seriously urge the Department of Ecology to allow the Mosquito Control to continue effective removal/reduction of mosquito population. I do not use DEET on my children, due to the chemical risk. In dealing with the environment and controling things in nature, one has to keep things in balance. Keeping humans healthy and safe should and does rank first. I'm a strong believer in treating the world well because it is our home and the animals are our neighbors. I try to do everything green in my own yard. But, at the same time, if it push comes to shove, the safety of humans comes first. Again, I urge the Department of Ecology to change the 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 mosquito control," so that our family can be free of the West Nile Virus risk, and live in our backyard freely as a backyard is meant to be lived in without constant biting from mosquitos, as I would see would happen if those flare ups in population can't be properly and effectively treated.

Thank you for your concern and interest in hearing public comments.

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