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Subject: Mosquito Spraying
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Dear Mr. Jennings:

My name is Ellen Cole and I live in the Whitstran area at 900001 W. McCreadie, Prosser, Washington. Our home is surrounded by orchards, ponds, reservoirs, and the irrigation canal which are all breeding grounds for mosquitos. It has come to my attention that The Department of Ecology is planning on restricting the use of pesticides for adult mosquitos due to the Clean Water Act and this is our opportunity for public comments.

It is so important that our local Benton County Mosquito Control be allowed to effectively eliminate the mosquitoes as they are not only a quality of life issue but a health hazzard. Last year in our area, the nile virus was confirmed in a neighbor's horse which is another concern as well. I am allergic to mosquito bites myself and have to be very careful when I am outside. Even with the spraying we can not sit outside in the evening and enjoy our deck and beautiful surroundings due to the number of mosquitoes. I can't imagine what it would be like without any effective spraying for mosquitoes.

I understand that it is important to protect our water sources but at the same time, I'm sure there is a balance that can be achieved with common sense and allowing the use of effective pesticides close to the sources. Please allow changing the wording on the permit process to **"The Permittee is authorized to discharge incidental amounts of adulticides and their residues to waters of the state for nuisance and vector mosquito control"**. With this wording, our local mosquito control will be able to eliminate the adult mosquitoes as much as possible. If the wording is not changed, the Department of Ecology is seriously endangering our health and quality of life.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and saving our freedom to enjoy our homes and outdoor life. This is not only for ourselves but also for our neighbors and the county's mosquito control district. We pay taxes for this very necessary service and we wouldn't have this agency if mosquitoes were not a problem. Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Ellen Cole