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I am writing this in regards to the Ecology Aquatic Mosquito Control NPDES Draft General Permit. I received notification on this subject, and would like to have the following issues addressed:

1. Do not separate nuisance and vector mosquitoes, both need to be controlled.
2. Eliminate the use of the term "waters of the state".
3. Change the current language to allow organized mosquito control districts under chapter 17.28 RCW to adulticide to control vector and nuisance mosquitoes as listed in the districts integrated Pest Management Plan.
4. Eliminate Malathion and Nalid restrictions from the permit.

My family and I live in Burbank, and we fully support the mosquito control district in our area. We live above the McNary Wildlife Refuge, and we require fogging to maintain comfortable and safe living conditions. Without fogging, we probably could not set foot outdoors without constant personal protection, and our family life would suffer. We have a lovely patio we like to BBQ on and entertain on, and in the coming warm weather it is almost imperative to our children to have a place to play outdoors, without risk of bites or disease. We have never had any trouble with the Mosquito Control District's practices, and understand we are allowed to decline fogging of our property should we be uncomfortable with the practice. We want them to be able to fog at certain times, as well as during special requests from residents and their neighbors if an overabundance of mosquitoes is noted, due to not enough fogging or else negligence on the residents' parts of allowing standing water on their properties. We trust that the District uses the best available pesticides, and whatever risks they pose outweigh the risks of not using them at all. Above all, we want our district to continue working in a proactive manner, fogging ahead of major infestations, and during any infestations that come up at any time for any reason. Mosquitoes are a nuisance, and it is now known they are a carrier of West Nile Virus and any and all measures should be taken, especially in our rural area with many forms of water for them to breed in, to keep these pests under control and minimize their impact on our residents and animals.

Thank you for your time,

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