From: Marvin Erickson
To: Jennings, Jonathan (ECY);
Subject: Mosquito Control in Benton County
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Mr. Jon Jennings February 26, 2010
Washington State Department of Ecology
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Mr. Jennings:

We live on the Yakima River near Richland, WA. For years the Benton County Mosquito Control District (BCMCD) has controlled the growth and spread of mosquitoes that spread disease and would otherwise make it difficult to be outside during summer and fall months. With the potential spread of West Nile Virus it is especially important that mosquitoes be controlled. The methods and chemicals used by BCMCD have had minimal, if any impact on the environment.

We understand that the Department of Ecology is considering new rules that would eliminate the use of spray for controlling adult mosquitoes in the future. We oppose the elimination of this means of preventative control and ask that Ecology not impose such rules. In addition, we request that the Department of Ecology extend the comment period on the draft permit, and hold a public hearing in the Tri-Cities to enable local residents to respond to this proposed change.

Thank you for considering this request.

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