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Subject: Comments on the Draft Aquatic Mosquito Control General Permit
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Jonathan,

I'm submitting my comments to you regarding the referenced draft permit.

The new proposed regulations will negatively change mosquito control's response to "nuisance" mosquitoes'--the Benton County Mosquito Control District (and other licensed/permitted applicators) should be allowed to continue spraying for "nuisance" mosquitoes' using the methods and sprays they have used safely in the past.

The DOH should continue to try to get the ingredients from pesticide manufacturers, but current products should not be eliminated simply because the manufacturer is trying to protect their recipe. Even better, make the manufacturers provide the needed testing documentation on the safe use of their products. Then additional testing, if needed, can be verified by a third party or government agency.

Again, please don't eliminate spraying for "nuisance" mosquitoes (or make spraying cost prohibitive) in the referenced permit.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment!!!!