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Mr. Jonathon Jennings  
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Dear Mr. Jennings:

I am a citizen of Benton County Washington, an area that is both rural and residential. Our Benton County Mosquito Control Board has been instrumental in reducing the number of nuisance mosquitoes, greatly reducing the dangers of mosquito-borne diseases (sleeping sickness, etc) to both livestock and humans, as well as the allergic reactions to the bites - of particular interest to me personally. Our county has had a reduced number of deaths, illnesses, and nuisance itching since the inception of our Benton County Mosquito Control Board. Control of mosquitos reduces both heartache and monetary loss. Benton County residents view our Mosquito Control Board as one of the most valued and efficient government agencies we have, and they do a fantastic outreach to all citizens to reduce the number of pests.

Since mosquitoes tend to be around water (duh) not spraying within 300 feet of water sources such as ponds, lakes and rivers appears to be an idea which should intuitively have been remedied prior to requiring any public input. Careful editing of such important documents is what the citizens are expecting from those of you who perform that work for us, so the cost of public meetings are not required. A change to a rule that would impact the health and safety of so many citizens should not have been either an oversight or a unwillingness to address a political issue. Since the "public" meeting is a distance away, I am using this method to contact you with my input.

As a citizen of Washington State, Benton County, I strongly request that you continue to protect the citizens of our state by amending this new regulation as follows:

Alter 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."

If, on a county by county basis, the citizens wish to eliminate their Mosquito Control Boards, they will then be able to do so out of local ignorance or stupidity rather than having such imposed by the state.

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