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To: Jennings, Jonathan (ECY);
Subject: Mosquito control permits
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I am writing about the recent news about the change in the allowed mosquito control allowed in the state of Washington. After living in the tri-cities for the past 2 years I am well aware of the problem of mosquitoes here. Early last spring when the mosquitoes first started hatching it was extremely uncomfortable to be outside, even with bug-spray on. Within a week, though, the mosquito control district started spraying and we could again enjoy the beautiful outdoors.

I'm concerned that the proposed change in the permit stating "Adulticides and their residues used for nuisance mosquito control must not be discharged into waters of the state" will make it impossible for Benton county to adequately manage the mosquito problem here. Perhaps a more realistic proposal would be "The Permittee is authorized to discharge incidental amounts of adulticides and their residues to waters of the state for nuisance and vector mosquito control".

I am the mother of three boys under the age of 5. They love to be able to play outside when the weather is nice, and the oldest is preparing to start his first season of t-ball. If the mosquitoes are not properly managed it's likely I'll have to keep my kids inside for a large part of the spring and summer, and will probably end up pulling my son out of t-ball. Not only are the mosquito bites unpleasant, but I'm worried about the possibility of west Nile virus if there are way more mosquitoes around.

Thank you for reading my concerns.

Best regards,
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