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To: Jennings, Jonathan (ECY);
Subject: PERMIT FOR NUISANCE MOSQUITOES
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JONATHAN,

We are Katherine J. and Kenneth G. McGehee Property Owners and Taxpaying residents of Benton County Washington located at 1204 N. 62nd Ave West RIchland WA 99353 (509)967-3419 or kenandkathym@aol.com is our contact information.

I am writing to you in regards to the proposed changes on permits regarding nuisance mosquitoes. The permit should be altered to read "**The permittee is authorized to dicharge incidental amounts of adulticides and their residues to the waters of the state for nuisance and vector mosquito control". Benton County has their own Mosquito District because mosquitoes are a problem in Benton County they have been for over 100 years and will continue to be. The Districts should be allowed to administer Adulticides and other CIDES as necessary to control problem areas within their districts. They are the EXPERTS here.**

The adult mosquitoes in our area are unbearable if left untreated. Last year there were several confirmed cases of "West Nile" in mosquitoes samples taken from Benton County. We are close to the Yakima River Delta where stagnate water and high ground table waters make the outdoors unbearable to humans, livestock, pets and other critters if left untreated.

Benton County has sprayed and controlled the mosquitoes to a bearable tolerance in the past so one can sit out and enjoy their Backyard and BBQ's from May through October in our area of the state. If these areas go untreated you are authorizing disease and nuisance mosquitoes to flourish in our neighborhoods. I realize where you reside in Olympia, WA the mosquitoes are not a concern for you however, they are in Benton County Washington.

We are unable to attend the Hearing and Workshop March 9, 2010 in Moses Lake therefore, we are relying on you and the ECY of Washington to do the right thing and modify the permit so ALL DISTRICTS CAN PREVENT NUISANCES WITHIN THEIR DISTRICTS BY APPLYING CIDES AS REQUIRED AND AS NEEDED TO CONTROL POSSIBLE UNNECESSARY DISEASES AND A GENERAL NUISANCE.

YOU LIKE YOUR BACKYARD NICE AND NUISANCE FREE, PLEASE HELP

THE CITIZENS OF BENTON COUNTY HAVE THE SAME PRIVILEGE TO BE BUG AND NUISANCE FREE IN THEIR BACKYARDS AS WELL.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

KEN AND KATHY MCGEHEE