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**Mr. Jennings,**

I am writing to you about my concern with the Department of Ecology's attempt to limit the spraying for mosquitos near rivers, ponds and lakes. I cut/pasted some comments an article [see below] that was in the Yakima Herald [on line] 3-14-10 that are truly frightening! Mr. Kelly says it will have "minimal effect"...I wonder if he would still feel that way if it was his family member that came down with the West Nile virus and suffered serious medical issues, or even worse – death.

Please re-consider you position and continue to spray for mosquitos as you have done in the past. For even one body, it's not worth the risk. We SHOULD consider that all mosquitos are potentially bad. Waiting to find a "bad one" is too late, meaning at that point, proliferation of "bad ones" will have already occurred.

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

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“Still, West Nile virus is relatively minor and rare, said Gordon Kelly, director of environmental health for the Yakima Health District. And not all mosquito species common to the Yakima Valley carry it.

He said the Ecology Department's proposal will have a "minimal effect" on the spread of the virus.

Only one in five people infected with the virus come down with symptoms, which include fever, headache, body aches, rash and swollen lymph nodes. A more serious form of the virus causes neck stiffness, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, paralysis or death.”