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To: [Moore, Bill \(ECY\)](#); [Latham, Ray \(ECY\)](#); [Jennings, Jonathan \(ECY\)](#)
Cc: [McKinney, Charlie \(ECY\)](#); [Gasper, Marcus \(DOR\)](#)
Subject: RE: Request for extension of comment period on Mosquito permit
Date: Friday, March 12, 2010 8:37:40 AM
Importance: Low

Good Morning:

I want to thank Mr. Latham, Ms. Zehm and you for taking the time to forward and send emails to me on this topic. I've never gotten involved in issues because I always thought others were better able to speak, however I'm frustrated and very upset.

Below is the text that I just sent to Ms. Zehm.

"Marcus Gasper is one in a million and the State of Washington is fortunate enough to have him. I worked with him when he was in Richland at the Department of Energy.

Thank you for your email below. One of my concerns is not spraying for nuisance mosquitos. I have a terrible time with mosquito bites, as do many people. I've had a terrible time with secondary infections from mosquito bites, which have caused results which are painful and costly. I realize we can't spray for everything that bites but I'm worried if we don't spray (the Tri-Cities) what will be the long-term repercussions. Will we be able to get it under control next year or even further out?

What about the timeliness of the mosquito control district's ability to spray. From what I understand of the draft permit, they would not be able to spray for adult mosquitoes that spread illness (they would be able to control the juvenile forms of mosquitoes that live in water), unless we find West Nile Virus activity in birds, horses, people or they have repeated findings in mosquitoes. This will possibly delay spraying for adult mosquitoes until it is too late to effectively control them.

This issue affects all humans in the State of Washington. It's too bad that the Department of Ecology didn't send anything to even registered voters to let them know of this issue (If something was actually sent, it's possible we threw it out!). I wasn't aware of it until someone from work mentioned it in the hall and I overheard the conversation. **We, here in the Tri-Cities, as well as other parts of Washington State want and should to be able to voice our concerns.** However it we are unaware of it until the final permit has been issued the State will be doing a terrible injustice.

Thank you also for sending the email to Marcus and Bill Moore. I'm going to forward this email to Bill Moore, as well as the Benton Franklin Health Department. Thanks again for your time in sending the email to me. I appreciate it."

Thank you for your time. I appreciate the communication between the Department of Ecology and me.

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From: Moore, Bill (ECY) [BMOO461@ECY.WA.GOV]
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2010 5:23 PM
To: Latham, Ray (ECY); Jennings, Jonathan (ECY)
Cc: Sandi J. Rowe; McKinney, Charlie (ECY)
Subject: RE: Request for extension of comment period on Mosquito permit

Thanks Ray, we will get back to her

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From: Latham, Ray (ECY)
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2010 4:26 PM
To: Jennings, Jonathan (ECY)
Cc: srowe@arescorporation.com; Moore, Bill (ECY); McKinney, Charlie (ECY)
Subject: Request for extension of comment period on Mosquito permit

I sent you a voice mail from Sandy Rowe. She has asked for an extension of the comment period and requested a hearing in the Tri-cities.
She has health concerns and is afraid that Ecology is not going to allow for mosquito abatement control.

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From: [Moore, Bill \(ECY\)](#)
To: [Weaver, Duane \(ECY\)](#); [Jennings, Jonathan \(ECY\)](#)
Subject: FW: NO SPRAYING FOR MOSQUITOS THIS YEAR!!!
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010 5:20:21 PM
Attachments: [Mosquito Control and NPDES.doc](#)
[Guidance for wording Permit.doc](#)
Importance: High

Add this person to our mailing list for the letter next week

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From: Zehm, Polly (ECY)
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2010 5:11 PM
To: Moore, Bill (ECY)
Subject: FW: NO SPRAYING FOR MOSQUITOS THIS YEAR!!!
Importance: High

Someone to add to your mailing list.

From: Glasper, Marcus (DOR)
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2010 11:25 AM
To: Zehm, Polly (ECY)
Subject: FW: NO SPRAYING FOR MOSQUITOS THIS YEAR!!!
Importance: High

Hi Polly,

Hope all is well with you.

I got this from a lady I used to work with many years ago in the Tri-Cities. She found my contact information and called seeking assistance from someone in Ecology on some decision to stop mosquito control spraying. Not sure what to do with this. Can you provide some guidance?

Marcus J. Glasper

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From: Sandi J. Rowe [<mailto:srowe@arescorporation.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2010 10:42 AM
To: Glasper, Marcus (DOR)
Subject: NO SPRAYING FOR MOSQUITOS THIS YEAR!!!
Importance: High

MARCUS:

You made my day! That was the best phone conversation I've had in a long time. You haven't changed a bit. Miss the laughing we used to do and the great friends I made in STP!

Below is an email w/attachments that I sent to several individuals here. As I mentioned to you on the phone I really believe we here in the Tri-Cities need a public hearing or need the comment period extended (Comments need to be in by next Wednesday, March 17). I've been told the Department of Ecology isn't planning any more public hearings and isn't going to extend the comment period. Unfortunately I just found out about this issue on Monday and don't have a lot of time to ACT.

If you could give me an information, I'd appreciate it.

Sandi

If we want to make difference in spraying for mosquitos, please read and then send a letter ... AND TELL OTHERS! I'm not an alarmist however Kevin Shoemaker, Benton County Mosquito Control District, told me Richland has been spraying for 40 years. I asked him to send me information on the spraying issue and if he had suggested wording for this (SEE HIS EMAIL BELOW). My husband and others in our office told me they used to ride their bicycles as the Mosquito Trucks sprayed and would ride in the mist sprayed from the truck.

From the information I received from him on the phone, the attached word files and from information I got from the Benton County Health Department, I feel there is a real need to do whatever I can to make the Department of Ecology understand my concerns and the need for spraying in this area.

The Benton County Health Department gave me the following information: In 2009 in Benton County there were 9 confirmed cases of West Nile Virus in humans, birds tested positive for the disease and 18+ horses tested positive. I was also told they are expecting a significant increase in cases in 2010.

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From: kevin@mosquitocontrol.org [kevin@mosquitocontrol.org]
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 10:48 AM

To: Sandi J. Rowe

Subject: FW: Mosquito Control; suggestions on wording

Attached is a word document with some suggested wording (“Guidance for wording_Permit) on the 2 most important issues.

Here is the link if you wish to view the (1) draft Permit, (2) the Fact Sheet and (3) other related materials.

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/pesticides/final_pesticide_permits/mosquito/mosquito_index.html

Also, attached is a “general” letter (Mosquito Control and NPDES) giving background information and contact information for the public comment period. You should probably read this one first, since it provides some background information, the submission deadline (March 17th) and where to send comments.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Kevin Shoemaker

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“Probably the saddest thing you’ll ever see is a mosquito sucking on a mummy. Forget it, little friend.” - Jack Handy