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Jonathan Jennings - Mosquito Control Permit Comments
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Dear Mr. Jennings;

I have become aware of new restrictions on the actions of mosquito control districts and am very concerned regarding the consequences of such action by your agency.
Mosquitoes have proven to be a serious health threat to the residents of Yakima County. We have recorded cases of virus infections in both humans and animals, not to mention the general welfare of families having to defend themselves from seasonal swarms of mosquitoes.

These new rules will make control of this nuisance even more difficult. Having to test and have evidence of a health threat delays the control actions and gives rise to increased risk of the spread of disease.

The Federal Government provides ample control over the use of these insecticides and I believe another level of supervision by Department of Ecology is both unnecessary, redundant, and counter productive.

I urge you to allow legitimate Control Districts to do their job under existing rules and not enact your intended changes.

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