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Mr. Jennings:

I am concerned about the new rules being proposed by DOE regarding adult mosquitoes. A lot of our mosquito district money is spent on larva control but it does not do the complete job. If the Cowlitz County Mosquito Control District is not allowed to continue spraying for adult mosquitoes you're going to have a lot of unhappy citizens, especially when the amount of residue is so minute. I know of no scientific evidence to support your concerns about discharging this small amount of residue into waters of the state.

We have a fresh market produce farm. If our workers have to fight mosquitoes while working it will lower their productivity. Customers at our produce stand will also complain and seek other places to buy their produce that are free of mosquitoes. I realize that these mosquitoes are classified as a nuisance, however, their presence is a potential monetary problem for our farm. The Cowlitz County Mosquito District should be allowed to continue spraying, as in the past.

As a former county commissioner, I can tell you where the complaint calls will go. The current commissioners will need to have DOE's number on the wall so they can tell people where to call because they can not do anything to help. It would seem prudent to have more than one hearing/workshop and they should be close to the problem areas of the state, including Southwest Washington.

If DOE persists in implementing these rules, perhaps a legislative fix in next year's session would be appropriate.

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