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Subject: Draft Aquatic Mosquito Control General Permit Comments, Columbia Basin Project (Project), Washington

Dear Mr. Lubliner:

The Bureau of Reclamation appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the Draft Aquatic Mosquito Control General Permit (Permit). Reclamation owns property within Washington State that endangered, threatened, or sensitive species inhabit. The Federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit discusses and inventories the vulnerable species locations in Washington State. Reclamation is a NPDES permit holder. Applicators discharging chemicals to lands under Reclamation's jurisdiction must abide by not only the State Permit, but also the Federal Permit requirements.

The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife manage Reclamation properties where vulnerable species are located. The Permit requires the development of an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM) for adulticide but not larvicide discharges. Federal regulations require an IPM be prepared, for control of mosquitoes, by those entities applying either adulticides or larvicides on federally owned lands, as a requirement of the Government Performance and Results Act.

If there are any questions concerning these comments, please direct them to Ms. Gina Hoff, Water Quality Specialist, at 509 754-0254.

Sincerely,

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