

SAMPLE COMMENT LETTER:

Proposed Rule- Revised Definition of “Waters of the United States”

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
EPA Docket Center, Office of Water Docket
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Washington, DC 20460

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RE: Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2018-0149

I write in support of the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers’ proposed rule to revise the definition of “waters of the United States.”

As a farmer and landowner, I strongly support replacing the 2015 “waters of the United States” (WOTUS) rule. The current rule significantly broadens the federal government’s power to regulate waters and places unnecessary burdens, costs, and legal risks on farmers like me. I believe we need to protect our water resources however I need clear rules that I am able to follow.

[Insert Personal Story- express your concern over the 2015 finalized WOTUS rule, how it creates regulatory confusion, how you are the best steward of your land, and why you want a new WOTUS definition.]

I welcome the proposed WOTUS definition as it provides the clarity, predictability, and consistency that I need to successfully run my farming operation.

Sincerely,

[Insert Name]

[Insert City, State]