



April 14, 2015

The Honorable Bill Shuster
Chairman
House Committee on Transportation
and Infrastructure
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Ranking Member
House Committee on Transportation
and Infrastructure
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member DeFazio:

The Waters Advocacy Coalition (WAC) is a broad coalition representing the nation's construction, real estate, mining, agriculture, transportation, forestry, manufacturing, and energy sectors, as well as wildlife conservation and recreation interests. WAC is deeply concerned about the rulemaking jointly proposed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to redefine "waters of the U.S." under the Clean Water Act.

There is substantial and significant disagreement between the federal agencies, the states, local governments, and the regulated community about the scope and effect of the rulemaking. We have therefore urged EPA and the Corps to withdraw the proposed rule and work with state and local officials and stakeholders to develop a proposal that respects the jurisdictional limitations imposed by Congress and affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court.

We believe it is important for Congress to set parameters for further agency action on a "waters of the U.S." rule so that the final result reflects congressional intent. In doing so, we believe it will achieve environmental benefits, ensure our nation's ability to engage in the kind of robust economic activity that sustains and supports Americans working in all sectors of the economy, and gain broad support from state and local officials and the regulated community. By requiring EPA and the Corps to withdraw the proposed rule, the "*Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015*" appropriately re-asserts the role of Congress and initiates a process that will achieve greater balance and generate strong, bipartisan support. We applaud the Committee's leadership in this effort and urge all members to vote for passage of the "*Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015*."

Sincerely,

Agricultural Retailers Association
American Exploration & Mining Association
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Forest & Paper Association
American Gas Association
American Iron and Steel Institute
American Petroleum Institute

American Public Power Association
American Road & Transportation Builders Association
Associated Builders and Contractors
The Associated General Contractors of America
Association of American Railroads
Association of Oil Pipe Lines
Club Managers Association of America
Corn Refiners Association
CropLife America
Edison Electric Institute
Federal Forest Resources Coalition
The Fertilizer Institute
Foundation for Environmental and Economic Progress (FEEP)
Golf Course Builders Association of America
Golf Course Superintendents Association of America
The Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA)
Industrial Minerals Association – North America
International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC)
International Liquid Terminals Association (ILTA)
Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA)
Irrigation Association
Leading Builders of America
NAIOP, the Commercial Real Estate Development Association
National Association of Home Builders
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of REALTORS®
National Association of State Department of Agriculture
National Cattlemen's Beef Association
National Club Association
National Corn Growers Association
National Cotton Council
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Golf Course Owners Association of America
National Industrial Sand Association
National Mining Association
National Multifamily Housing Council
National Oilseed Processors Association
National Pork Producers Council (NPPC)
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association (NSSGA)
Portland Cement Association
Public Lands Council
Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment (RISE)
Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association
Southern Crop Production Association
Sports Turf Managers Association

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Texas Wildlife Association
Treated Wood Council
United Egg Producers
U.S. Chamber of Commerce