

## Stop the Attack on the Clean Water Rule

### *Protect Missouri's Drinking Water*

The Clean Water Rule was recently finalized by the Obama administration after years of planning, 400 stakeholder meetings, and more than a million public comments. It safeguards our water and restores protections to the drinking water sources for 1 in 3 Americans. This includes the drinking water for over 2 in every 5 Missouri residents. **The Clean Water Rule is a strong, commonsense policy that makes clean water a priority throughout the nation.** If Congress blocks the Clean Water Rule, at least 66% of Missouri's stream miles and millions of acres of wetlands nationwide will again be at risk from pollution and destruction from development, oil and gas production, and other industrial activities. Blocking this rule would imperil drinking water sources, as well as the small businesses and communities that rely on clean water.



Missouri's Iconic Meramec River above Leasburg, Missouri - *Wikipedian KBH3rd*

- **41% of Missouri residents** get their drinking water from sources that rely on small streams that are protected by the Clean Water Rule.
- **Protections were restored to 6311 miles of streams** that feed into Missouri's drinking water sources.
- **Thousands of acres of wetlands** that provide flood protection, recharge groundwater supplies, filter pollution, and provide essential wildlife habitat are safeguarded.

## Rule Provides More Economic Benefits than Costs

- **The Clean Water Rule restores, but does not expand, the historic coverage of the Clean Water Act.** EPA estimates that the rule will provide at least \$339 million and up to \$572 million annually in benefits to the public, including reducing flooding, filtering pollution, providing wildlife habitat, supporting hunting and fishing, and recharging groundwater.
- **Protecting small streams and wetlands supports fish, wildlife and Missouri's vibrant recreational industry.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reports that in 2011, \$2.7 billion was spent on wildlife recreation in Missouri, including \$657 million on fishing, and more than 2.5 million people participated in these recreation activities throughout the state. The National Shooting Sports Foundation reported in 2012, migratory bird hunting in Missouri has an economic impact of over \$160 million and creates almost 3,000 jobs.
- **Missouri's thriving brewing industry relies on clean water.** Small Missouri breweries contribute over \$612 million to our economy every year and support more than 6,600 jobs.

## Missouri's Clean Water Rule Supporters

- **More than 7,400 Missourians, out of more than 800,000 Americans support the rule.**
- Dozens of small businesses, including breweries like Schlafly Brand Beers – St. Louis' largest craft brewery.
- Many diverse conservation organizations have submitted supportive comments, including the Conservation Federation of Missouri, Audubon Missouri Chapter, Midwest Coalition for Responsible Investment, Friends of Ozark Riverways, and many more.
- Recent polling shows that 79% of Americans want Congress to let EPA implement the Rule.

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