

Stop the Attack on the Clean Water Rule

Protect Oklahoma'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 nearly 3 out of 5 Oklahoma 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 74% of Oklahoma'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.



- **60% of Oklahoma residents** get their drinking water from sources that rely on small streams that are protected by the Clean Water Rule.
- **Protections were restored to 5,330 miles of streams** that feed into Oklahoma'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

- **This commonsense proposal 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 and wildlife and Oklahoma's vibrant recreational industry.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reports that in 2011, \$1.8 billion was spent on wildlife recreation in Oklahoma, including \$731 million on fishing, and more than 1.7 million people participated in these recreational activities in Oklahoma.
- **Oklahoma's thriving brewing industry relies on clean water.** Oklahoma breweries contribute more than \$303 million to our economy every year and support nearly 3,000 jobs.

Oklahoma Clean Water Rule Supporters

- **Nearly 3,000 Oklahomans, out of more than 800,000 Americans, support the rule.**
- Groups like the Ground Water Protection Council, Latham Family Farms, Youth Agriculture Resource Preservation Organization, and Conservation Coalition of Oklahoma support protections for clean water.
- Oklahoma joined 34 other states in 2006 to urge the Supreme Court to uphold strong federal clean water protections and in 2003 the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation submitted comments opposing Bush administration efforts to roll back protections for small streams and wetlands.
- Recent polling shows that 79% of Americans want Congress to let EPA implement the Rule.

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