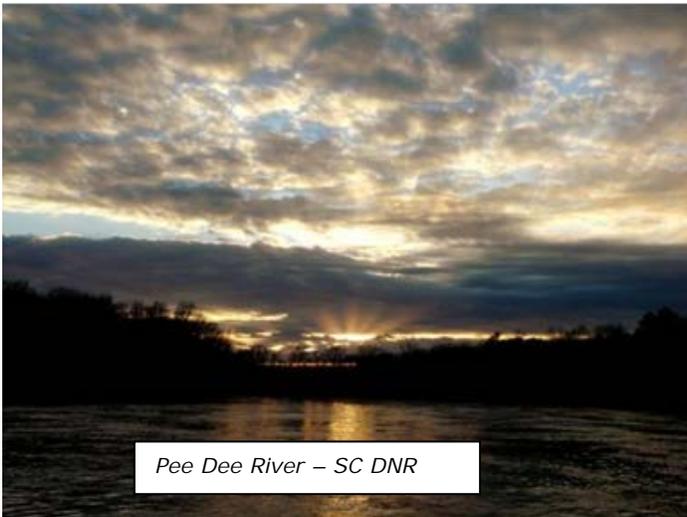


Stop the Attack on the Clean Water Rule

Protect South Carolina'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 2 out of every 5 South Carolina 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 53% of South Carolina'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.



- **40% of South Carolina residents** get their drinking water from sources that rely on small streams that are protected by the Clean Water Rule.
- The **Protections were restored to 2,888 miles of streams** that feed into South Carolina'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 South Carolina's vibrant recreational industry.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reports that in 2011, \$2.0 billion was spent on wildlife recreation in South Carolina, including \$686 million on fishing, and more than 1.7 million people participated in these recreation activities throughout the state.
- **South Carolina's thriving brewing industry relies on clean water.** Small South Carolina breweries contribute over \$254 million to our economy every year and support more than 2,900 jobs.

South Carolina Clean Water Rule Supporters

- Nearly **4,470 SC residents, out of more than 800,000 Americans** support the rule.
- Nearly 20 conservation, environmental, and faith-based organizations representing thousands of South Carolina residents.
- Recent polling shows that 79% of Americans want Congress to let EPA implement the Rule.

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