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The EPA's Weekly Round-Up ...

Between speaking with Alabama farmers with Senator Strange about WOTUS, to touring a farm in Georgia with Secretary Perdue to announcing grants to clean-up brownfield sites, it's was another winning week at the EPA.

TO THE STATES ...

In Alabama, [WFSA-TV](#) reports that Pruitt and Senator Strange spoke with farmers about repealing WOTUS. "Farmers from all over the state came together in Bibb County Thursday as the head of the Environmental Protection Agency was on hand to speak about the Water of the United States rule. Head of the EPA Scott Pruitt, along with Sen. Luther Strange came to Alabama today."

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- **Additionally, Pruitt and Strange were on [Birmingham's Real Talk](#) to talk about the EPA.**

In Iowa, the [Des Moines Register](#) reports that the EPA's proposed Renewable Fuel Standard reflects demand for 2018. "The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released new mandates Wednesday for the amount of renewable fuel that must be blended into the nation's fuel supply. The agency said the proposed Renewable Fuel Standard 'reflects demand for 2018.' It kept the total amount of conventional ethanol that must be blended into the nation's fuel supply at 15 billion gallons."

In Oklahoma, the [Tulsa Beacon](#) reports that Pruitt is helping President Trump to make our government more efficient. "The Environmental Protection Agency, headed by Scott Pruitt, is making good on President Trump's campaign promise to make government more efficient. Last week, Pruitt signed the repeal of the Clean Water Rule and moved to amend the regulations defining "waters of the United States" or WOTUS. ... U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe, R-Oklahoma, senior member of the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee, praised the announcement that it will replace the Obama administration's WOTUS rule, which granted the federal government sweeping authority to regulate virtually all waters or wet areas throughout the country."

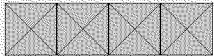
In Pennsylvania, the [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#) reports that the EPA is cleaning up brownfield sites across the state. "Four organizations in southwestern Pennsylvania have received \$1.8 million in federal funds to assess brownfield sites where pollutants, including hazardous substances, have either been identified or are believed to exist. ... The grants are reserved for areas that are 'economically disadvantaged and include places where environmental cleanup and new jobs are most needed,' Scott Pruitt, EPA administrator, said in a news release announcing the awards."

In Texas, the [High Plains Journal](#) reports that the EPA is funding part of Texas' pesticide programs. "The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently awarded \$585,730 to the Texas

Department of Agriculture to support a wide range of pesticide programs, including enforcement and outreach efforts. 'At EPA, we are protecting the environment by engaging our state partners,' said Administrator Scott Pruitt. ... 'Pesticides play an important role in growing and sustaining our nation's food supply,' said Acting Regional Administrator Sam Coleman."

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