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Subject: **2015 WOTUS Extension**

Good evening. Given your interest in this issue, I wanted to provide you with a quick update.

In order to provide regulatory certainty, EPA and the Department of the Army have sent a proposed rule to the Office of Management and Budget for interagency review that would amend the effective date associated with the 2015 Clean Water Rule to give the agencies time to consider the two-step process proposing to rescind and revise the 2015 rule.

Background

The 2015 rule, which redefined the scope of where the Clean Water Act applies, had an effective date of August 28, 2015. Implementation of the 2015 rule is currently on hold as a result of the Sixth Circuit's nationwide stay of the rule. The 2015 rule is also stayed in 13 states due to a District of North Dakota court ruling. EPA and the Army are taking this action to provide certainty and consistency to the regulated community. Once the interagency review is complete, EPA will issue [the proposal](#) for public review and comment. More information: <https://www.epa.gov/wotus-rule>

Let us know if you have any questions.

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