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**Subject:** RE: Media inquiry on supplemental notice regarding effort on WOTUS

Jim,

**On background:**

**Will this development delay the timetable Administrator Pruitt has shared with lawmakers? (He has testified that he expects to have the current effort completed this year.)**

On Friday, June 15, EPA and the Army sent the “step 2” WOTUS regulation that would redefine “waters of the United States” to the Office of Management and Budget for interagency review. The agencies will issue the proposed redefinition for public comment after the interagency review process is complete. The agencies continue to review comments on the July 2017 step 1 proposal and look forward to hearing from the public on the supplemental proposal signed last week.

**Could EPA be more specific on the public input it is responding to with this new request? Was someone unsure of EPA's intention on WOTUS? Was this new request legally required to ensure EPA could complete its plan to replace the 2015 rule?**

The agencies are issuing the supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking to give the public an opportunity to comment on the additional considerations that support the agencies' proposed repeal, some of which the agencies did not discuss in detail in the initial Step One proposal. The agencies are continuing to review the comments received on the July 2017 proposal.

Please see Section I.D “*Comments on the Original Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*,” which describes the nature of some of the comments the agencies received indicating that commenters were confused about the scope of the agencies’ proposed action.

Supplemental proposal: [https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-06/documents/wotus\\_step1\\_snprm\\_prepub\\_0.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-06/documents/wotus_step1_snprm_prepub_0.pdf)

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**Subject:** Media inquiry on supplemental notice regarding effort on WOTUS

Hello,

I have a few follow up questions to EPA's announcement on Friday that it would be seeking additional comment on its efforts to repeal WOTUS.

- Will this development delay the timetable Administrator Pruitt has shared with lawmakers? (He has testified that he expects to have the current effort completed this year.)

- Could EPA be more specific on the public input it is responding to with this new request? Was someone unsure of EPA's intention on WOTUS?

- Was this new request legally required to ensure EPA could complete its plan to replace the 2015 rule?

Thanks,

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