

Administrator Pruitt Visits Nebraska

OMAHA (October 20, 2017) – Today, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt traveled to Lincoln, Nebraska to meet with Governor Pete Ricketts, state officials, and agriculture stakeholders to discuss the Agency’s proposal to rescind the 2015 “Waters of the United States” (WOTUS) rule.

“As I’ve traveled across the country, countless farmers and ranchers have expressed their concerns over the 2015 WOTUS rule,” **said Administration Pruitt.** “By beginning the process to rescind this rule, we are working with our state partners like Governor Ricketts to ensure traditional powers are returned to the states and helping ensure regulatory certainty for our country’s agriculture stakeholders.”

****Ricketts Quote****

Administrator Pruitt began his trip meeting with Governor Ricketts and members of his cabinet to discuss the Agency’s agenda moving forward. Attendees included Nebraska Lt. Governor Mike Foley, Nebraska Department of Agriculture Director Greg Ibach, Director of the Nebraska Department of Economic Development Courtney Dentlinger, Director of the Nebraska Energy Office David Bracht, Department of Environmental Quality Director Jim Macy, Department of Natural Resources Director Jeff Fassett, Department of Transportation Director Kyle Schneewis, Governor Rickett’s Chief of Staff Matt Miltenberger, and Governor Rickett’s Policy Research Advisor Lauren Kintner.

Following the Nebraska Cabinet meeting, Administrator Pruitt and Governor Ricketts hosted a roundtable discussion with the Common Sense Nebraska Coalition to discuss ways the Agency can provide sensible regulations for waterways while also protecting agriculture stakeholders.

After the roundtable, Administrator Pruitt departed to Omaha, Nebraska where he met with officials from Union Pacific to discuss the importance of EPA’s back-to-basics agenda and how the Agency can work with the transportation sector to provide regulatory certainty.