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**Sent:** 12/13/2017 5:46:12 PM  
**To:** Ellen Rosen [Ex. 6]  
**Subject:** RE: WOTUS Timing follow-up

Hi Ellen. Let me check for you.

--Tricia

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**From:** Ellen Rosen [Ex. 6]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 13, 2017 12:40 PM  
**To:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: WOTUS Timing follow-up

I'm sorry, but I'm still confused.

The comment period for step 1 closed in September. There are two additional comment periods, as I read it — one for Step 2 and the other for the applicability date of WOTUS.

What I don't understand is that if Step 1 aims to withdraw the 2015 WOTUS, and Step 2 is to determine the replacement for 2015 WOTUS, why is there a need to postpone the effective date of the 2015 rule?

Thank you. I'm sorry it's taking me some time to understand this.

best,

Ellen Rosen

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On Dec 8, 2017, at 2:33 PM, Jones, Enesta <[Jones.Enesta@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Ellen, the listening sessions will inform the step 2 proposal that is forthcoming. The comment period that closed in September was for the Step 1 proposal that was issued in June and published in July.

EPA proposed to change the applicability date to two years after the final rule is published in the federal register. So if that rule is finalized early next year, the new applicability date for the 2015 rule would be in early 2020.

On Dec 6, 2017, at 1:37 PM, Ellen Rosen <[REDACTED] Ex. 6 [REDACTED]> wrote:

I'm having a bit of trouble understanding the difference between steps 1 and 2 of WOTUS and the three different comment deadlines. Is there someone who can help me through this? I anticipate no more than 15 minutes by phone.

Thank you!

Ellen Rosen

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On Dec 5, 2017, at 2:08 PM, Jones, Enesta <[Jones.Enesta@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov)> wrote:

Ellen, attributable to an EPA spokesperson:

We plan to make the summaries available at the time that we propose the Step 2 rule. We do not have timing for that at this time.

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**From:** ellen rosen [REDACTED] Ex. 6 [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 05, 2017 4:54 PM  
**To:** Jones, Enesta <[Jones.Enesta@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Waters of the U.S.

Thank you. But additionally, were there summaries of the sessions? Someone must have written something up to help with the rule-making process.

On Dec 5, 2017, at 1:34 PM, Jones, Enesta <[Jones.Enesta@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Ellen, attributable to an EPA spokesperson:

We did not record or make transcripts of these sessions, but the powerpoints are available on our website:

<https://www.epa.gov/wotus-rule/listening-session-presentations>

On Dec 5, 2017, at 4:04 PM, Ellen Rosen <[ellenrosen1@gmail.com](mailto:ellenrosen1@gmail.com)> wrote:

I am a freelance writer interested in the review of the Waters of the U.S. Rule. Are there either videos or transcripts from the 11 sessions held this fall on

the rule?

Thank you.

Ellen Rosen

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