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FYI, please see NASDA's release below.

Thanks so much! Please let me know if you need anything else.

Britt

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Amanda Culp <[Amanda@nasda.org](mailto:Amanda@nasda.org)>  
**Date:** June 27, 2017 at 3:17:16 PM EDT  
**Subject:** State Ag Departments, Farmers Applaud WOTUS Rescission

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** June 27, 2017

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## State Ag Departments, Farmers Applaud WOTUS Rescission

Following the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) announcement today to withdraw the 2015 Clean Water Rule and recodify the previous regulations, National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) President and Louisiana Commissioner of Agriculture Michael G. Strain issued the following statement:

"The EPA has sided with state and local governments, farmers, landowners, and small businesses in their decision to rescind this burdensome regulation. The 2015 rule lacked clarity, and was fraught with procedural concerns and violations of congressional intent, making it necessary to start over with a new rule that protects clean water and respects state regulatory authority. State laws and programs partner with EPA, farmers and ranchers, and local entities to protect clean water every day. We look forward to working cooperatively with the EPA in developing – and eventually implementing – a new rule."

All of NASDA's official actions on WOTUS can be found [here](#). NASDA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit association which represents the elected and appointed commissioners, secretaries, and directors of the

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