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To: waterwaysd [Ex. 6]
Subject: RE: Media request on WOTUS effort

Hi Jim—

For attribution to Amy Graham, EPA spokesperson:

Yes, the comment period was extended and the notice was published in the Federal Register yesterday, 8/22/17. EPA has received requests from the House and Senate, as well as various stakeholders requesting more time to prepare comments. To date, EPA has received over 100,000 comments.

As Administrator Pruitt says in the video, receiving public comments from across the country helps EPA make informed decisions on proposed rules. EPA's commitment to an open, transparent process to redefine WOTUS includes engagement with all stakeholders, especially those who felt their voices were ignored by the previous Administration.

Best,

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From: Jim Myers [mailto:waterwaysd [Ex. 6]]
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Subject: Media request on WOTUS effort

Hello,

Just double checking to make sure I am reading the Federal Register correctly. Plus a few other questions.

Has the comment period on the effort to "fix" the 2015 WOTUS rule been extended from the Aug. 28 deadline to Sept. 27?

Who asked for extension and why?

How many public comments have been received so far?

Any comment on the concern some have expressed that Administrator Pruitt's comments urging ranchers and farmers to submit comments indicate a bias and that his mind on the issue has been made up?

Has he encouraged other groups to submit comments?

His comments in the video released by the beef group indicate he has decided the 2015 rule is unworkable and must be rescinded.

The comments he is seeking now is on how its replacement should be written.

Is that correct?

Thanks,

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