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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 stakeholders with the Commonsense Nebraska Coalition 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."

"Thank you to Administrator Pruitt for all he has done to cut onerous and job-killing federal red tape imposed on the states," said Governor Ricketts. "Administrator Pruitt and the Trump Administration have kept their word and repealed the 2015 Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule that would have threatened future growth in Nebraska agriculture and manufacturing. In his work of rolling back the old rule and writing a new one, Pruitt is returning power to the states and protecting the rights of our farm families and small business owners."

Administrator Pruitt began his trip meeting with Governor Ricketts and members of his cabinet to discuss the Agency's positive environmental 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 to protect waterways.

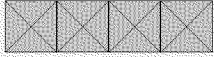
After the roundtable, Administrator Pruitt departed for Omaha where he met with officials from Union Pacific to discuss the importance of EPA's back-to-basics agenda and the Agency's actions to provide regulatory certainty, while also ensuring clean air, land, and water.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt with Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts.

EPA Administrator Pruitt meets members of Governor Ricketts' cabinet.

EPA Administrator Pruitt and Governor Ricketts hold a roundtable with the Commonsense Nebraska Coalition.

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