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IRVINE, Calif. (February 1, 2018) -- In response to yesterday's news that the Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have finalized the applicability date of the [2015 Clean Water Rule](#), providing an additional two years for the agencies to reconsider the "Waters of the United States Rule," Western Growers Vice President of Federal Government Affairs, Dennis Nuxoll, issued the following statement:

**"The producers of America's safe and affordable food are our nation's first and finest stewards of the land and its resources. Yet, the Obama-era Clean Water Rule overextended the reach of the Clean Water Act, jeopardizing the livelihood of family farmers across the country. We applaud EPA and the Army Corps for hitting the pause button while we search for added clarity and certainty for America's farmers. In the coming years, Western Growers looks forward to working with the Administration to refine the rule, ensuring it achieves the aims of the Clean Water Act while preserving the ability of our farms to stay in business."**

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**About Western Growers:**

Founded in 1926, [Western Growers](#) represents local and regional family farmers growing fresh produce in Arizona, California, Colorado and New Mexico. Our members and their workers provide over half the nation's fresh fruits, vegetables and tree nuts, including nearly half of America's fresh organic produce. Some members also farm throughout the U.S. and in other countries so people have year-round access to nutritious food. For generations, we have provided variety and healthy choices to consumers. Connect with and learn more about Western Growers on our [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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