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**Subject:** RE: Water Online Interview Request: Modifying WOTUS

Hi Peter,

I am looking after your request in Tricia's absence.

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**"The root of all joy is gratefulness."**

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**From:** Peter Chawaga [mailto:pchawaga@vertmarkets.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 04, 2017 10:41 AM  
**To:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Water Online Interview Request: Modifying WOTUS

Hi Enesta,

I'm working on a story about the EPA's work on modifying the Waters of the U.S. Rule and I am hoping that you or someone you recommend can provide written answers to the below questions for potential use in the article.

I'd like responses by next Friday, 8/11. Would that be possible?

Thanks,  
Peter

1. What has motivated the EPA (with partners) to propose a rule to rescind the Clean Water Rule and re-codify the regulatory text that existed prior to 2015 defining "waters of the United States"? What problems is the agency hoping to solve?
2. Where do the efforts to rescind and re-codify currently stand? What do you imagine as a likely timeline for these efforts?
3. How do you hope that these efforts protect water quality?
4. How do you hope that these efforts promote economic growth?
5. How do you imagine these changes will affect drinking water utilities and wastewater treatment operations (both public and private)?