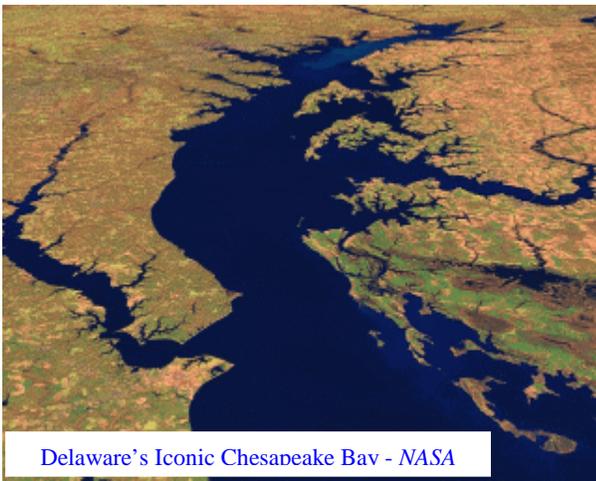


Stop the Attack on Delaware's Drinking Water

Stop the attacks on America's drinking water. 1 in 2 Americans' drinking water sources are at risk now. That includes the drinking water for almost a third of Delawareans. **The Administration has a strong, commonsense plan to make clean water a priority by protecting the sources that feed the drinking water for more than 117 million Americans, including nearly 282,000 Delawareans.** If Congress blocks the proposal to protect clean water, at least 55% of Delaware's stream miles and 20 million acres of wetlands nationwide will continue to be at risk from pollution and destruction from development, oil and gas production, and other industrial activities. Stopping this proposal will not only put drinking water at risk across the country, but will impact the small businesses and communities that rely on clean water.



Delaware's Iconic Chesapeake Bay - NASA

- **30% of Delawareans – nearly 1 out of 3 residents -** get their drinking water from sources that rely on small streams currently vulnerable to pollution.
- **183 miles of streams** that feed into Delaware's drinking water sources are at risk. The Clean Water Rule would clarify protections for 53% of the stream miles in Delaware's Source Water Protection Areas, including intermittent, ephemeral, and headwater streams.
- **Thousands of acres of wetlands** that provide flood protection, recharge groundwater supplies, filter pollution, and provide essential wildlife habitat are at risk.

Rule Provides More Economic Benefits than Costs

- **This commonsense proposal restores, does not expand, the historic coverage of the Clean Water Act.** EPA estimates that the proposed rule would provide \$388 million to \$514 million annually in benefits to the public, including reducing flooding, filtering pollution, providing wildlife habitat, supporting hunting and fishing, and recharging groundwater.
- **Protecting small streams and wetlands supports fish, wildlife and Delaware's vibrant recreational industry.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reports that in 2011, \$325 million was spent on wildlife recreation in Delaware, including \$104 million on fishing alone, and more than 344,000 people participated in these recreational activities in Delaware.
- **Delaware's thriving brewing industry relies on clean water.** Small Delaware breweries contribute almost \$200 million to our economy every year and support more than 1,800 jobs.

Delaware Clean Water Rule Supporters

- **More than 1,500 Delawareans, out of more than 800,000 Americans expressed support for the rule.**
- Dozens of conservation and environmental organizations, representing thousands of Delawareans.
- The Delaware Attorney General.
- Delaware also joined 34 other states in 2006 to urge the Supreme Court to uphold strong federal clean water protections and in 2003 opposed Bush administration efforts to roll back protections for small streams and wetlands.

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