

## Stop the Attack on Indiana's Drinking Water

Stop the attacks on America's drinking water. 1 in 3 Americans' drinking water sources are at risk now. That includes the drinking water for 1 in every 5 Indiana residents. **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 1.7 million Indiana residents.** If Congress blocks the proposal to protect clean water, at least 54% of Indiana's streams 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 imperils drinking water sources, as well as the small businesses and communities that rely on clean water.

### Sugar Creek near Kempton, IN



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- **26% of Indiana residents – about 1 in 5 residents** – get their drinking water from sources that rely on small streams currently vulnerable to pollution.
- **1,157 miles of streams** that feed into Indiana's drinking water sources are at risk. The Clean Water Rule would clarify protections for 50% of the stream miles in Indiana'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, but 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 and wildlife and Indiana's vibrant recreational industry.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reports that in 2011, \$1.7 billion was spent on wildlife recreation in Indiana, including \$671 million on fishing, and more than 2.3 million people participated in these recreational activities in Indiana.
- **Indiana's thriving brewing industry relies on clean water.** Indiana breweries contribute more than \$600 million to our economy every year and support more than 6,000 jobs.

## Indiana Clean Water Rule Supporters

- **More than 7,800 Indiana residents, out of more than 800,000 Americans, expressed support for the rule.**
- Groups like the Indiana Wildlife Federation and the Tippecanoe Watershed Foundation support protections for clean water.
- In 2003, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management opposed Bush administration efforts to roll back protections for small streams and wetlands.

For more information, please visit [protectcleanwater.org](http://protectcleanwater.org).