

Stop the Attack on Maryland'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 2 in every 3 Marylanders. **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 almost 4 million Marylanders.** If Congress blocks the proposal to protect clean water, at least 59% of Maryland'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 imperils drinking water sources, as well as the small businesses and communities that rely on clean water.



- **67% of Marylanders— 2 out of 3 residents** - get their drinking water from sources that rely on small streams currently vulnerable to pollution.
- **2,210 miles of streams** that feed into Maryland's drinking water sources are at risk. The Clean Water Rule would clarify protections for 55% of the stream miles in MD'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, wildlife and Maryland's vibrant recreational industry.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reports that in 2011, \$1.3 billion was spent on wildlife recreation in MD, including \$535 million on fishing alone, and more than 1.6 million people participated in these recreational activities in Maryland.
- **Maryland's thriving brewing industry relies on clean water.** Small Maryland breweries contribute almost \$4.6 million to our economy every year and support more than 5,422 jobs.

Maryland Clean Water Rule Supporters

- **Almost 26,000 Marylanders, out of more than 800,000 Americans support the Clean Water rule.**
- 67 conservation, environmental, faith, or health organizations and businesses, representing thousands.
- MD DEP, MD Attorney General, Cities of Baltimore, Mt. Rainier, College Park, Capitol Heights, Edmonston, New Carrollton, Rockville, as well as the Mayor of Forest Heights and dozens of other MD state and local elected officials. MD also joined 34 other states in 2006 to urge the Supreme Court to uphold strong federal clean water protections.

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