

Stop the Attack on Mississippi'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 over 110,000 Mississippians. **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.** If Congress blocks the proposal to protect clean water, at least 55% of Mississippi'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.

Wolf River near Canaan, MS



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- **4% of Mississippians** get their drinking water from sources that rely on small streams currently vulnerable to pollution.
- **210 miles of streams** that feed into Mississippi's drinking water sources are at risk. The Clean Water Rule would clarify protections for 61% of the stream miles in Mississippi'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 Mississippi's vibrant recreational industry.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reports that in 2011, \$2.6 billion was spent on wildlife recreation in Mississippi, including \$527 million on fishing, and more than 1.4 million people participated in these recreational activities in Mississippi.
- **Mississippi's thriving brewing industry relies on clean water.** Mississippi breweries contribute almost \$150 million to our economy every year and support more than 1,500 jobs.

Mississippi Clean Water Rule Supporters

- **More than 1,600 Mississippians, out of more than 800,000 Americans, expressed support for the rule.**
- Groups like Friends of the Mississippi River, Jesus People Against Pollution, and Winston County Self Help Cooperative support protections for clean water.
- Mississippi joined 34 other states in 2006 to urge the Supreme Court to uphold strong federal clean water protections.

For more information, please visit protectcleanwater.org.