

## Stop the Attack on New Hampshire's Drinking Water

Stop the attacks on America's drinking water. 1 in 3 Americans' drinking water sources are at risk now. That includes **Lake Winnepesaukee in NH** 5 New Hampshire 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 500,000 in New Hampshire.** If Congress blocks the proposal to protect clean water, at least 55% of New Hampshire'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.



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- **38% of New Hampshire residents – nearly 2 out of 5 residents** – get their drinking water from sources that rely on small streams currently vulnerable to pollution.
- **1,310 miles of streams** that feed into New Hampshire's drinking water sources are at risk. The Clean Water Rule would clarify protections for 56% of the stream miles in NH'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 New Hampshire's vibrant recreational industry.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reports that in 2011, \$5.5 million was spent on wildlife recreation in New Hampshire, including \$208 million on fishing, and more than three-quarters of a million people participated in these recreational activities in New Hampshire.
- **New Hampshire's thriving brewing industry relies on clean water.** New Hampshire breweries contribute almost \$250 million to our economy every year and support more than 3,000 jobs.

## New Hampshire Clean Water Rule Supporters

- **More than 5,500 New Hampshire residents, out of more than 800,000 Americans, expressed support the rule.**
- New Hampshire joined 34 other states in 2006 to urge the Supreme Court to uphold strong federal clean water protections.

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