

Stop the Attack on New Jersey'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 almost half of New Jersey 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 4.3million New Jersey residents.** If Congress blocks the proposal to protect clean water, at least 48% of New Jersey'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.



- **48% of New Jersey residents— nearly half of the population** - get their drinking water from sources that rely on small streams currently vulnerable to pollution.
- **1,157miles of streams** that feed into New Jersey's drinking water sources are at risk. The Clean Water Rule would clarify protections for 48% of the stream miles in NJ'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 New Jersey's vibrant recreational industry.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reports that in 2011, \$2.3 billion was spent on wildlife recreation in NJ, including \$1.1 billion on fishing alone, and more than 2.4 million people participated in these recreational activities in New Jersey.
- **New Jersey's thriving brewing industry relies on clean water.** New Jersey breweries contribute almost \$777 million to our economy every year and support 8,565 jobs.

New Jersey Clean Water Rule Supporters

- **Nearly 60,000 New Jersey residents, out of more than 800,000 Americans, support the rule.**
- Dozens of conservation, environmental, faith-based and health organizations, representing thousands.
- 35 current and former NJ elected officials and three NJ county environment commissions. NJ also joined 34 other states in 2006 to urge the Supreme Court to uphold strong clean water protections and in 2003 opposed Bush administration efforts to roll back protections for small streams and wetlands.

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