

## Stop the Attack on Oklahoma'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 3 out of 5 Oklahomans. **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 2.3 million Oklahomans.** If Congress blocks the proposal to protect clean water, at least 58% of Oklahoma'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.

### Grave Creek near Hitchita, OK



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- **60% of Oklahomans – 3 out of 5 residents** – get their drinking water from sources that rely on small streams currently vulnerable to pollution.
- **5,330 miles of streams** that feed into Oklahoma's drinking water sources are at risk. The Clean Water Rule would clarify protections for 66% of the stream miles in OK'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 Oklahoma's vibrant recreational industry.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reports that in 2011, \$1.7 billion was spent on wildlife recreation in Oklahoma, including \$730 million on fishing, and more than 1.7 million people participated in these recreational activities in Oklahoma.
- **Oklahoma's thriving brewing industry relies on clean water.** Oklahoma breweries contribute more than \$300 million to our economy every year and support nearly 3,000 jobs.

## Oklahoma Clean Water Rule Supporters

- **Nearly 3,000 Oklahomans, out of more than 800,000 Americans, expressed support for the rule.**
- Groups like the Ground Water Protection Council, Latham Family Farms, Youth Agriculture Resource Preservation Organization, and Conservation Coalition of Oklahoma support protections for clean water.
- Oklahoma joined 34 other states in 2006 to urge the Supreme Court to uphold strong federal clean water protections and in 2003 the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation submitted comments opposing Bush administration efforts to roll back protections for small streams and wetlands.

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