

Stop the Attack on Texas'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 more than 2 out of every 5 Texans. **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 11.5 million Texans.** If Congress blocks the proposal to protect clean water, at least 75% of Texas'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.



- **43% of Texans – more than 2 out of 5 residents** - get their drinking water from sources that rely on small streams currently vulnerable to pollution.
- **12,570 miles of streams** that feed into Texas's drinking water sources are at risk. The Clean Water Rule would clarify protections for 61% of the stream miles in Texas'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 Texas's vibrant recreational industry.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reports that in 2011, \$6.2 billion was spent on wildlife recreation in Texas, including \$1.5 billion on fishing, and more than 6.3 million people participated in these recreational activities throughout the state.
- **Texas's thriving brewing industry relies on clean water.** Small Texas breweries contribute almost \$2.3 billion to our economy every year and support more than 20,100 jobs.

Texas Clean Water Rule Supporters

- **More than 34,300 Texans, out of more than 800,000 Americans expressed support the rule.**
- More than 30 conservation, environmental, faith-based and union organizations, representing thousands of Texans.
- The City Council of Austin passed a resolution and 26 Texas elected officials wrote a letter in support of the rule.

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