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### **Statement on EPA's Revival of an Overbroad WOTUS Rule**

This statement, regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's announcement of its intent to revoke the Navigable Waters Protection Rule and expand the definition of "waters of the United States," may be attributed to James Edwards, Executive Director, Conservatives for Property Rights:

"The EPA is returning to form. The bane of property owners from coast to coast now threatens to revive the Obama-Biden-era Waters of the United States rule.

"WOTUS defined part-time puddles and teeny-tiny trickles as 'navigable waters.' Its effect was harsh and far-reaching against land owners. And it significantly adversely affected our economy and our competitiveness. Here comes the onslaught again.

"The Navigable Waters Protection Rule curbed the excesses of that overbroad WOTUS rule and has provided a more rational, balanced rule. It respects private property rights while preserving the statutory intent of the Clean Water Act.

"Where's the freedom and property rights in owning land that the government denies you from making something of?

"WOTUS — and its forthcoming cousin — amount to regulatory takings of private property. There's no room in America for such regulatory abuse."

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