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Statement on EPA Proposed Reform to Fix the WOTUS Rule

(Washington, D.C., December 11, 2018) — The following statement may be attributed to James Edwards, Executive Director, Conservatives for Property Rights:

“American owners of land that may occasionally have a puddle on it owe President Trump’s Environmental Protection Agency a heap of gratitude. The Obama administration’s deliberately overbroad definition of ‘navigable waters’ in its Waters of the United States rule finally faces undoing.

“The regulatory taking of private property is an abuse of power. WOTUS should finally be corrected at the end of this rulemaking. Thanks to the president for standing for private property rights and for deregulation.

“Congress still has time to change this in law, not leave it to more easily reversed administrative action. Both the House-passed Interior Appropriations (H.R. 6147) and the Farm Bill (H.R. 2) contain language to amend WOTUS and the Clean Water Act. Congress should act on this, giving the Trump EPA a backstop.”

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