

Ditch the Rule Campaign

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are seeking public comments on a proposed rulemaking that will expand the federal jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act. Many ditches, farm ponds, waterways, floodplains and "adjacent areas" that have never before been regulated will become "waters of the United States" and subject to regulation by the EPA and the Corps of Engineers.

The proposed rule would have a devastating impact on agricultural production in Texas and across the nation. Not only would this rule expose farmers and ranchers to increased regulatory burdens, it would also open the door for activist groups to file "citizen lawsuits" against their neighbors under special provisions embedded within the Clean Water Act.

The Department of Labor and Transportation both withdrew rules on Child Labor regulations and Motor Carrier Safety rule because of staunch opposition. We hope that EPA and the Corps of Engineers will do the same. However, that will not happen without your help.

Taking action on this Alert will submit a comment letter, in your name, to EPA and the Corps of Engineers via [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

We also encourage you to forward this action alert to others. This is an important issue for farmers and ranchers and everyone else that owns lands. Help make a difference. Ditch the Rule!

For more information on the Ditch the Rule Campaign visit <http://ditchtherule.fb.org/>

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