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Fact Sheet

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Advocacy Comments on the EPA's and Corp's "Definition of Waters of the United States under the Clean Water Act"

On October 1, 2014 the Office of Advocacy (Advocacy) filed public comments with the Army Corps of Engineers (the Corps) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA, together the Agencies) in response to the proposed rule "Definition of Waters of the United States under the Clean Water Act".

- On April 21, 2014 the Agencies issued a proposed rule soliciting comments on the proposed definition of the term "waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act.

- Advocacy's letter states that the Agencies improperly certified the rule. Advocacy believes that the rule will have direct effects on small businesses and that these effects will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small businesses.

- Advocacy believes EPA should have conducted a Small Business Advocacy Review Panel prior to releasing the rule for comment.

- Advocacy recommends that the Agencies withdraw the proposed rule and conduct a panel prior to re-proposing the rule.

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