



September 27, 2017

Ms. Donna Downing  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Water (4504-T)  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20460

**Attention: Definition of "Waters of United States" – Recodification of Pre-Existing Rules  
[Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2017-0203]**

Dear Ms. Downing,

The National Sorghum Producers (NSP), representing sorghum farmers in 21 states with nearly seven million planted acres, appreciates the opportunity to comment on EPA's proposal to recodify the pre-existing definition and associated guidance regarding the "Waters of the United States" (EPA-HQ-OW-2017-0203).

We support the Agency's decision to rescind the "Waters of the United States" in the Code of Federal Regulations as promulgated by the EPA and the Army Corp. of Engineers in 2015. Furthermore, we support the proposal to re-implement the guidance documents that were in place before the 2015 rule was finalized while moving forward with a new notice-and-comment rulemaking which will re-evaluate the definition of "Waters of the United States."

NSP intends to comment and engage with the agencies as they develop the new rule. We encourage them to take steps to protect the environment and our national waters while also protecting farmers' ability to operate and grow the crops our nation requires.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this important issue and please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Lust". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tim Lust, CEO  
National Sorghum Producers