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AXPC President Testifies at WOTUS Public Hearing *Proposed New Definition Provides Clear and Consistent Guidelines*

Washington, D.C. – American Exploration & Production Council (AXPC) President Bruce Thompson today testified at the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) [public hearing](#) in Kansas City, Kansas on the proposed new “Waters of the United States” (WOTUS) definition. In his testimony, Thompson highlighted AXPC’s two priorities: 1) crafting a definition that conforms to EPA’s authority under the Clean Water Act and 2) establishing a definition that can be implemented in a clear, consistent, and predictable matter.

At the hearing, Thompson noted that the proposed new WOTUS definition would achieve both of these goals and that it eliminates the need for costly studies or analyses that the 2015 Rule’s uncertainty necessitated.

“The protection of water resources is a top priority for our members.” said **AXPC President Bruce Thompson**. “AXPC welcomes the EPA’s recognition that jurisdictional clarity benefits environmental protection, and we support the Proposed Rule. The Proposed Rule’s improved clarity benefits both American industries and surface owners, improves protection of water resources, and allows regulators to ensure environmental protection programs are effectively implemented. AXPC believes that the new rule successfully promotes accountability and resource conservation.”

Click [here](#) to read Mr. Thompson’s full comments.

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