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AXPC Applauds Step 1 WOTUS Final Rule

Final rule clarifies when operators are required to obtain CWA permits

Washington, D.C. – This afternoon, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a final rule repealing the 2015 Waters of the U.S. Rule. EPA’s action recodifies the definition of WOTUS in a manner consistent with the authority provided by the Clean Water Act (CWA). This change affords all impacted stakeholders with additional clarity and regulatory certainty. AXPC President Bruce Thompson released the following statement today in response to the final rule:

“Our members are fully committed to the protection of the water resources in the communities where we live and operate,” said **AXPC President Bruce Thompson**. “They work diligently to develop and implement industry standards, share best practices, facilitate water use disclosures, and work with regulators to ensure all operations protect and conserve water resources. Throughout our coordination with the EPA and Army Corps, AXPC’s top priority has been that the agencies recodify a definition of WOTUS that conforms to their authority under the Clean Water Act and can be implemented in a clear, consistent, and predictable matter. AXPC believes that this final rule will fulfill this important goal and allow water conservation efforts to continue.”

Read the final rule in its entirety [here](#).

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