



# SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT

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## EPA AND ARMY FINALIZE RULE ESTABLISHING DEFINITION OF WOTUS AND RESTORING FUNDAMENTAL WATER PROTECTIONS

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On December 30, 2022, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of the Army (the agencies) announced a final rule establishing a durable definition of “waters of the United States” (WOTUS) to reduce uncertainty from changing regulatory definitions, protect people’s health, and support economic opportunity. The final rule restores essential water protections that were in place prior to 2015 under the Clean Water Act for traditional navigable waters, the territorial seas, interstate waters, as well as upstream water resources that significantly affect those waters. As a result, this action will strengthen fundamental protections for waters that are sources of drinking water while supporting agriculture, local economies, and downstream communities.

[Click here to read the full press release and to access the rule and related materials.](#)

If you have any questions, please contact us at 213-452-3425 or via email at [Regulatory.SPL@usace.army.mil](mailto:Regulatory.SPL@usace.army.mil). This Special Public Notice is issued by the Chief, Regulatory Division.



*Regulatory Program Goals:*

- To provide strong protection of the nation's aquatic environment, including wetlands.
- To ensure the Corps provides the regulated public with fair and reasonable decisions.
- To enhance the efficiency of the Corps' administration of its regulatory program.

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