



Final Rule: Definition of “Waters of the United States” – Addition of Applicability Date to 2015 Clean Water Rule

The Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of the Army (the agencies) finalized a rule adding an applicability date to the 2015 Rule defining “waters of the United States.” The final rule published in the *Federal Register* on February 6, 2018. **The 2015 Rule will not be applicable until February 6, 2020.** This amendment gives the agencies the time needed to reconsider the definition of “waters of the United States.”

This rule is available on the Government Printing Office's [FDsys website](#) and on [Regulations.gov](#) in Docket No. EPA-HQ-OW-2017-0644.

The agencies have also prepared a memorandum for the record to provide the public with information about the potential economic impacts associated with this action. This memorandum, "Consideration of Potential Economic Impacts for the Final Rule: Definition of 'Waters of the United States' – Addition of Applicability Date to 2015 Clean Water Rule," is also available in the [docket](#).

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