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## **Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association is Thankful for the Clarity of the New Water Rule**

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., Jan. 24, 2020 – The Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers finalized the rule defining “waters of the United States” (WOTUS). Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association is grateful for the new rule and the clarity it includes.

"This is a major positive announcement for Oklahoma Agriculture. One of the worst issues with the old rule was the vagueness and uncertainty. This new rule provides clear definitions, giving cattle producers certainty on such things as stock ponds and roadside ditches. We are thankful to the Administration for recognizing the need for this new rule."

This rule was proposed in December 2018 and has been going through the administrative rulemaking process for the past year. In September 2019, the 2015 WOTUS rule was officially repealed through a separate rule. This action cements the substantive replacement of WOTUS – a rule defining which water features deserve federal protection under the Clean Water Act and which features are properly excluded from federal control.

The OCA is the trusted voice of the Oklahoma Cattle Industry. OCA is the only voice that speaks solely for the cattlemen of Oklahoma and represents beef producers in all 77 counties across the state. The OCA officers, board of directors and membership encourages you to join us in our advocacy efforts to ensure less government intervention, lower taxes and a better bottom line. For more information about OCA membership, the theft reward program or activities call 405-235-4391 or visit [www.okcattlemen.org](http://www.okcattlemen.org).

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