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**Definition of “Waters of the United States” – Recodification of Pre-existing Rules;**

**Extension of Comment Period**

**AGENCIES:** Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense; and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of the Army are extending the comment period for the proposed rule “Definition of ‘Waters of the United States’ – Recodification of Pre-existing Rules.” The agencies are extending the comment period for 30 days in response to stakeholder requests for an extension, from August 28, 2017 to September 27, 2017.

**DATES:** The comment period for the proposed rule published on July 27, 2017, at 82 FR 34899, is extended. Comments must be received on or before September 27, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2017-0203, at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from Regulations.gov. The agencies may

publish any comment received to the public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The agencies will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (i.e. on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <http://www2.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

On July 27, 2017 (82 FR 34899), the EPA and the U.S. Department of the Army published the proposed rule “Definition of ‘Waters of the United States’ – Recodification of Pre-existing Rules” in the *Federal Register*. The original deadline to submit comments was August 28, 2017. This action extends the comment period for 30 days. Written comments must now be received by September 27, 2017.

Dated: August 16, 2017.

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