



**ATTORNEY GENERAL STEVE MARSHALL JOINS FELLOW ATTORNEYS
GENERAL IN APPLAUDING EPA'S DECISION TO REPEAL DETRIMENTAL
"WATERS OF US RULE"**

(MONTGOMERY) - Attorney General Steve Marshall joined 21 other state attorneys general in welcoming the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to repeal the controversial "Waters of the United States (WOTUS) Rule." EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt signed a notice Tuesday to withdraw the unpopular rule which began under President Obama.

In a joint statement, Marshall, along with attorneys general from the states of West Virginia, Wisconsin, Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Wyoming and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, praised the EPA for taking steps to withdraw the unlawful WOTUS Rule.

"We fully support the proposed rule signed by EPA Administrator Pruitt today as a significant step in the direction of withdrawing the unlawful WOTUS Rule.

"The WOTUS Rule asserts sweeping federal authority over usually dry channels, roadside ditches, and isolated streams. The Rule also asserts federal authority over land covered by water only once every one hundred years.

"The Rule's broad assertion of authority unlawfully impinges on the States' traditional role as the primary regulators of land and water resources. The WOTUS Rule is unlawful under the Clean Water Act, U.S. Supreme Court precedent, and the U.S. Constitution.

"Our States won a nationwide stay blocking enforcement of the rule and allowing the new administration time to work on withdrawing the Rule.

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“We look forward to EPA’s final action withdrawing the WOTUS Rule and providing relief for our States and their citizens.”

Alabama was among 11 states that filed suit against the EPA over the WOTUS Rule in June of 2015. In October of 2015, the Sixth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals granted a nationwide stay of the Rule.