

# Potential Effects of the Proposed New Definition of *Waters of the U.S.* on Mining<sup>1</sup>

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**Abstract:** On December 11, 2018, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Department of the Army proposed a new definition of *waters of the U.S.* for clarity, understanding, and better implementation. During the original 60-day comment period, the EPA and Department of the Army received nearly 700,000 public comments, making the potential change highly controversial, especially for the mining industry. This presentation will cover the interplay between waters of the U.S. and the mining industry and strategies for navigating existing and potential challenges.

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