



# News Release

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## **KNRC SUPPORTS STATE CHALLENGE OF WOTUS**

The Kansas Natural Resources Coalition (KNRC) supports recent action by the Kansas Attorney General in its filing of a lawsuit along with eight other states. The lawsuit, filed in federal district court of Georgia, seeks to overturn the Waters of the United States Rule (WOTUS) recently issued by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

KNRC remains concerned the 4xx Page WOTUS “clarification” Rule will confuse effective state programs, extend regulatory reach to agricultural sectors not previously regulated, and that it claims jurisdiction over waterways that since the inception of the Clean Water Act has been the purview of the States. KNRC believes counties, private landholders, industry and local citizenry should understand and be active in opposing the outworking of this problematic administrative decision.

KNRC is prepared to assist the Kansas Attorney General to ensure the WOTUS regulation is remanded back to the Agency, and that a Rule consistent with the intent of Clean Water Act is promulgated.

*The Kansas Natural Resource Coalition (KNRC) is an association of counties who maintain collective and participatory involvement in administrative government on behalf of its citizenry. The Coalition serves as a conduit*

*between local, state and federal governments to promote balanced, necessary and effective administrative policymaking through the mechanism of government-to-government coordination. Our mission is to monitor, analyze, understand, communicate, and participate in those initiatives that materially affect the natural or human systems governed by individual member counties.*