

Moran Responds To EPA Ruling

Editor's Note: The following was submitted by the office of U.S. Senator Jerry Moran.

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) issued the following statement today after the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals blocked the EPA from making changes to the regulatory definition of “waters of the United States” nationwide:

“The ruling today gives a voice to the concerns I heard from individuals in Kansas and across the country about the EPA’s flawed attempt to expand the definition of the waters of the United States. We can protect our nation’s waters without this kind of federal regulatory overreach and violation of private property rights that would harm our economy and cost us jobs. I am pleased this ruling will protect landowners from the new costs and burdens that would have been imposed by the regulation, and will continue working to get the Federal Water Quality Protection Act passed to make certain WOTUS implementation is halted indefinitely.”

As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Sen. Moran supported the inclusion of a provision in the FY2016 Interior and Environment Appropriations Bill to block funding for the implementation of the WOTUS rule.

Sen. Moran is also a sponsor of the Federal Water Quality Protection Act, a bill that would stop the implementation of the WOTUS regulations and force the agency to redraft it in a clear, legal manner that truly protects our nation’s waters without infringing on private property rights.

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