

SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLICATION OF THE NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION RULE IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER

On April 21, 2020, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of the Army's Navigable Waters Protection Rule: Definition of "Waters of the United States" was published in the Federal Register. This final rule establishes the scope of federal regulatory authority under the Clean Water Act. The Navigable Waters Protection Rule includes four simple categories of jurisdictional waters and provides specific exclusions for many water features that traditionally have not been regulated. The final rule will become effective on **June 22, 2020**.

The published version is 93 pages, and the citation is: 85 FR 22250. The Federal Register notice is available at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/04/21/2020-02500/the-navigable-waters-protection-rule-definition-of-waters-of-the-united-states>. Additional information about the rule can be found on the EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/nwpr>.

Corps Headquarters has posted an announcement for the publication of the rule on our Regulatory webpage, at the following locations:

<https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Regulatory-Program-and-Permits/>
https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Regulatory-Program-and-Permits/juris_info/