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Statement by Steve Nelson, on Behalf of Common Sense Nebraska Coalition, Regarding New Clean Water Rule Proposal

“We are pleased by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (CORPS) actions to propose a new Clean Water Rule to replace the 2015 “Waters of the U.S.” (WOTUS) Rule.”

“Our coalition partners are committed to protecting the land and water resources under our stewardship, however, the 2015 WOTUS Rule was not about clean water, but instead about a massive expansion of federal authority over private lands and infringement upon individual property rights.”

“We thank President Trump for following through on his promise to address this important issue and we appreciate the EPA and CORPS for working with agriculture and numerous other interests to gather input and feedback to work towards a better proposal.”

“Nebraska Attorney General Doug Peterson is also to be commended for his ongoing efforts to protect Nebraska’s interests throughout this process, paving a way for us to get this point.”

“Our coalition partners are wanting a rule that provides a framework for clean water protection, but also clearly identifies waters subject to federal jurisdiction. We believe EPA and the Corps have moved in the right direction with this new proposal on those fronts. We look forward to further evaluation and providing feedback to the agencies during the public comment period.”

Common Sense Nebraska Coalition members include:

Nebraska Club Management Association
Association of General Contractors - NE Chapter
Farm Credit Services of America
Iowa-Nebraska Equipment Dealers Association
National Federation of Independent Businesses/Nebraska
Nebraska Agribusiness Association
Nebraska Association of County Officials
Nebraska Association of Resource Districts
Nebraska Bankers Association
Nebraska Cattlemen

Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Nebraska Cooperative Council
Nebraska Corn Board
Nebraska Corn Growers Association
Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation
Nebraska Golf Course Superintendents Association
Nebraska Grain and Feed Association
Nebraska Grain Sorghum Association
Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board
Nebraska Pork Producers Association
Nebraska Poultry Industries
Nebraska Rural Electric Association
Nebraska Soybean Association
Nebraska State Dairy Association
Nebraska State Home Builders Association
Nebraska State Irrigation Association
Nebraska Water Resources Association
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