

EPA Accepting Comment on Proposed Change to WOTUS Rules

Friday, August 27, 2021 By Shawn Wade

On June 9, 2021, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers announced their intention to repeal the current Navigable Waters Protection Rule (NWPR), implemented during the Trump Administration, with a new definition of “Waters of the U.S.” (WOTUS).

Prior to the change, however, EPA is seeking feedback from interested stakeholders to gather perspectives on defining “Waters of the United States” and how a new WOTUS definition should be implemented as the Agency pursues this process.

Plains Cotton Growers Inc., (PCG) and other agricultural industry stakeholders have expressed their opposition to the proposed change and encourages interested parties to submit similar comments to the agencies expressing opposition to the change in the rules defining navigable waters of the U.S. To view PCG’s opposition letter visit <https://bit.ly/2WvxU78>.

The deadline for public comment is Friday, September 3 and it is not expected that an extension to the comment period will be granted.

It is critical that the Agencies receive comments in support of the current NWPR and oppose any new regulation that is not based on sound science and would expand EPA and the Corps regulatory authority.

The National Cotton Council of America has also provided a draft letter and talking points to assist producers in drafting their comments.

A copy of this information, including information about how to submit your comments online, can be found on the PCG website at the following link: <https://bit.ly/3mLGyZI>.

Individual comments should provide specific examples or anecdotes illustrating problems with prior regulations and/or how the current NWPR rule is working.

If anyone has questions on the proposed rule change or how to submit your comments, please contact the PCG office.

PCCA to Host U.S. Cotton Trust Protocol Producer Sign Up Day

Monday, August 23, 2021 By PCCA

Plains Cotton Cooperative Association (PCCA) is set to host a Producer Sign-Up Day for the U.S. Cotton Trust Protocol on **Wednesday, September 1, 2021**.

This will be a come and go event held in the PCCA Delegate Body Room at 3301 E. 50th St., Lubbock, Texas from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. PCCA will have computers and staff available to assist in the process.

The main purpose for the Producer Sign-Up Day will be to assist anyone with questions about the U.S. Cotton Trust Protocol and to help with the enrollment process. For additional information and questions, contact PCCA at 806-763-8011.

Upcoming Events:

FiberMax Center for Discovery – A Night for the Museum

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

Lubbock Memorial Civic Center

<https://one.bidpal.net/anftm/welcome>

Texas Cotton Association – Flow/Marketing Meeting

Tuesday, August 31 – Wed., September 1, 2021

Overton Hotel and Conference Center, Lubbock

<https://www.tca-cotton.org/2021-flow-meeting->

WTACI Annual Conference Set for September 14

Friday, August 27, 2021 By WTACI

The West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute (WTACI) will host their annual conference Tuesday, September 14, at the FiberMax Center for Discovery, located at 1121 Canyon Lake Drive in Lubbock.

Pre-registration is now open at <https://wtaci.eventsmart.com>. On-line registration fees are \$75. Contact Shawn Wade at (806) 792-4904 or shawn@plainscotton.org for questions about the program and CEU’s. If you have trouble or questions regarding registration, contact Whitney Curry at (806) 792-4904 or whitney@plainscotton.org.