



## WOTUS Repeal a Win for Grassroots Agriculture Advocacy

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The American Farm Bureau Federation says repealing the 2015 WOTUS rule is a victory for clean water and clear rules. Micheal Clements has more.

**Clements:** The Trump Administration Thursday afternoon signed a repeal of the 2015 Waters of the U.S. rule, representing a big win for farmers and ranchers, according to the American Farm Bureau Federation. Don Parrish, AFBF senior director of regulatory relations, say the repeal is the result of grassroots efforts by Farm Bureau members and others in agriculture.

**Parrish:** This is a huge win for Farm Bureau. It's one that has taken almost three years of this administration to do. It is one that will ultimately lead to another step, being a new regulation that provides the kind of clarity that I think our members deserve, that I think the public deserves, but it also provides protections for water quality.

**Clements:** Parish says the new rule withdraws the 2015 WOTUS rule.

**Parrish:** What it means is we revert back to the rules that existed before 2015. The next step is to develop a rule that provides clarity and really draws a line on the landscape. On one side of the line, the waters are important enough that the federal government should regulate, on the other side of that the line, states should regulate.

**Clements:** Parish says the new rule should take a commonsense approach to regulating water.

**Parrish:** There's a lot of things in place that are going to be protective of water quality. But we think it's going to be put into place in a common sensical kind of fashion that allows farmers to continue to farm and improve the productivity of their land and do the kind of things that its going to take to pass farmland down from generation to generation.

**Clements:** Micheal Clements, Washington.