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USPOULTRY Statement on Trump’s Executive Action on WOTUS Rule

TUCKER, Ga. – Mar. 1, 2017 – John Starkey, president of U.S. Poultry & Egg Association (USPOULTRY), released the following statement in response to President Trump’s executive action regarding the Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule.

“USPOULTRY is very pleased that the thousands of family owned and operated poultry farms will gain relief from this unreasonable, uncertain and confusing WOTUS rule. Like many other agricultural groups, we never believed EPA’s rule fairly considered comments from the growers and producers who own and operate these farms. In fact, it caused greater confusion and significantly expanded EPA’s authority on private, predominately family owned farmlands far beyond the scope authorized by the Clean Water Act.

“Ultimately, our Association saw little choice other than to join with other agricultural and business groups in litigation against EPA over this rule. With this executive order, we look forward to finding opportunities to work with EPA to continuously improve the environmental sustainability of poultry farms across the nation in a cooperative and productive fashion.”

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