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USPOULTRY Statement on EPA Repeal of 2015 WOTUS Rule

Tucker, Ga., Sept. 13, 2019 – Yesterday, the Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Army announced the finalization of a rule to repeal the 2015 rule that expanded the definition of “waters of the United States” (WOTUS) under the Clean Water Act. John Starkey, president of U.S. Poultry & Egg Association (USPOULTRY), released the following statement in response to the announcement.

“On behalf of our USPOULTRY members, we are pleased the EPA has honored its commitment to withdraw a regulation that was overly burdensome and clearly outside the jurisdictional authority prescribed to the agency by Congress. USPOULTRY was part of the coalition of organizations that brought legal action against EPA following the rule’s issuance, in what is commonly called the American Farm Bureau lawsuit. We are very pleased to see the matter settled in this manner, without the need for additional litigation. We look forward to continuing to work with EPA to finalize a regulation that protects surface water quality in a manner that does not infringe on the fundamental rights of law-abiding land owners.”

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U.S. Poultry & Egg Association (USPOULTRY) is the all-feather organization representing the complete spectrum of today’s poultry industry, whose mission is to progressively serve member companies through research, education, communication and technical assistance. Founded in 1947, USPOULTRY is based in Tucker, Georgia.