

Congressman Rouzer Denounces EPA's Proposed Rule Change To 'Waters of the U.S.' Definition

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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - Congressman David Rouzer of the 7th District has joined an alliance of business and farming organizations in denouncing the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed rule change to the definition of "Waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act.

Currently the EPA's oversight applies to all navigable waters. According to Rouzer's news release, the proposed rule change would put EPA in charge of regulating "seemingly any body of water."

The North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, the North Carolina Association of REALTORS®, and the Business Alliance for a Sound Economy (BASE) joined with Rouzer in opposition.

"I am greatly concerned about the impact this rule change would have on Southeastern North Carolina," said Rouzer in a statement. "The new rule is so vague that it could require our farmers and property owners to get permission from a federal bureaucrat before acting on their own property. In talking with small business owners, farmers, realtors, and homebuilders, it's clear the rule change could negatively affect every industry."