

Redefining the Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) Rule: Future Impact of Water Protection, Regulation and Permitting

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Listen as our distinguished panel provides environmental attorneys with an analysis of the recent EPA and USACE final WOTUS rule. The panel will also provide guidance to counsel and offer best practices for understanding the ins and outs of how the current WOTUS definition may affect their clients' permitting strategies and other concerns.

Outline:

1. Background of the final WOTUS rule
 - Definitions, exclusions, and other key issues
2. EPA's two standard approach
 - Relatively Permanent standard
 - Significant Nexus standard
3. Impact of the U.S. Supreme Court case *Sackett v. EPA*
4. Best practices and future challenges

Benefits:

The panel will cover these and other key issues:

- How can environmental counsel guide clients in navigating the practical and legal considerations of the updated WOTUS rule?
- What are some key takeaways with the pending U.S. Supreme Court case *Sackett v. EPA*?
- What are best practices and challenges for counsel when advising clients that potentially face WOTUS concerns in their transactions?

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