The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s new rule that would restrict the number of waterways protected under the Clean Water Act.

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**Trump Administration Is Rolling Back Obama-Era Protections For Smaller Waterways**

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The Environmental Protection Agency is dramatically reducing federal pollution protections for rivers, streams and wetlands – a move welcomed by many farmers, builders and mining companies, but opposed even by the agency’s own science advisers.

EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler, who announced the repeal of an earlier Obama-era rule in September, chose to make the long-anticipated announcement Thursday in Las Vegas, at the National Association of Home Builders International Builders' Show.

The biggest change is a controversial move to roll back government limits on pollution in wetlands and smaller waterways that was introduced less than five years ago by President Barack Obama.
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