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Comment for 68 FR entitled "Waters of the United States"

Public Comment

Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Blairstown Environmental Commission

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Dear Colleagues, There are no isolated bodies of water, it all has to go somewhere, something we are learning first hand here in Blairstown NJ as increasing development pressure has resulted in the need for some homeowners to install ultraviolet radiation devices and volatile organic filters on their wells as new neighbors appear. It is already difficult to monitor and defend the vernal ponds, ponds, swamps and marshes that dot the landscape here from filling draining and pollution. These features are critical habitat to most amphibians and valuable for purification and recharge of aquifers. Until definitions and rules are clarified, what little restraint that has been practiced will be a thing of the past. Humans, animals, aquifers and "navigable bodies" of water will all suffer. Sincerely, Al Hough, Chair Blairstown Environmental Commission

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