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Water Docket
Environmental Protection Agency
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Attn: Docket ID No. OW-2002-0050
Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the Clean Water
Act Regulatory Definition of "Waters of the United States"

Dear Sir:

The City of Scottsdale, Arizona appreciates the opportunity to comment in response to the January 15, 2003 Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the Clean Water Act (CWA) Regulatory Definition of "Waters of the United States". The scope of the Clean Water Act and the jurisdictional status of isolated waters are extremely important to the City of Scottsdale. Storms and floodwaters are serious threats to life, property and economic activity in Arizona as well as the preservation of the environment.

Scottsdale urges the Administration to propose a rulemaking for review and comment to fully clarify and define the scope of "Waters of the United States". Definitions of key terms including isolated waters, navigability, adjacency and tributary need to be provided. This is a complex issue, and Scottsdale needs more time and information before it can adequately respond to the questions raised in the Advance Notice.

While Scottsdale is committed to wetland protection, and other issues specific to the arid southwest, the City is concerned about the impacts of the current lack of guidance on post-SWANCC jurisdictional issues on flood and stormwater management activities throughout the country.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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