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**Re: Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2021-0328
Request for Extension of Time to Provide Written Recommendations on the Definition of
“Waters of the United States”**

Dear Ms. Christensen and Ms. Jensen:

On August 4, 2021, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) and the Department of the Army (“Army”) (or, collectively, “agencies”) published a notice in the Federal Register providing information about their plans to revise the definition of the term “waters of the United States” under the Clean Water Act and seeking feedback from the public. The Federal Register notice stated public feedback must be received by the agencies no later than September 3, 2021.

The National Cotton Council respectfully requests a 60-day extension of the 30-day comment period to provide written recommendations on their perspectives on defining WOTUS and how to implement the definition as the agencies pursue future rulemaking proceedings. The short, 30-day comment period will not allow time to properly discuss issues with our members and provide information to the agencies.

We appreciate your attention to this issue.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Reece Langley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Reece Langley
Vice President – Washington Operations
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