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**NYPIRG STATEMENT ON NEW YORK ATTORNEY GENERAL’S LAWSUIT ON
THE EPA DIRTY WATER RULE**

(Albany, N.Y.) Today, New York Attorney General Letitia James announced New York will be co-leading a coalition of states to sue the Environmental Protection Agency over its new “Dirty Water Rule,” which eliminates Clean Water Act protections for many streams and wetlands across the country.

The following statement is attributable to Liz Moran, Environmental Policy Director for NYPIRG:

“The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted how crucial it is to have access to clean water – yet the Environmental Protection Agency has made the dangerous decision to subject countless streams and wetlands across the country to more pollution. Keeping small streams and wetlands clean is essential to ensure water is safe for drinking and waterways can safely support recreation and wildlife. NYPIRG applauds New York Attorney General James for yet again standing up for public health and fighting against the federal administration’s continued attacks on the environment.”

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