ISSUE **1**

Stop "Waters of the United States"

America's Electric Cooperatives have significant concerns with the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule by EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Under the rule, co-op rights of way may be classified as Waters of the United States even if they are simple ditches running along roads that receive run-off and infrequently hold water. Electric co-op members value a healthy environment. Affordable and reliable electricity is also critical to our members. As electric co-ops work to harmonize these interests on behalf of our members, we cannot afford the delays and additional red tape WOTUS would create.

In May, a bipartisan majority of the House of Representatives approved HR 1732, the Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015. The bill requires EPA to withdraw the proposed WOTUS rule and re-propose it after consulting with stakeholders. The Senate is poised to consider a similar bill, S. 1140, later this summer.

- Representative, thank you for supporting HR 1732.
- Senator, please support S. 1140 when it comes up for a vote.

ISSUE **2**

Support Common Sense Coal Ash Legislation

In of December 2014, EPA issued a final coal ash rule, which provided for nonhazardous regulation of coal ash. However, EPA has made it clear it will consider reversing course in the future. Legislation is needed to make the EPA's nonhazardous regulation permanent and provide certainty to my electric cooperative while promoting the recycling of coal ash for use in construction materials and other beneficial uses. This is why we support HR 1734 and S. 1803, the "Improving Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2015," legislation that properly balances a healthy environment and electric cooperatives' mission to provide affordable, reliable electricity. The House of Representatives recently passed HR 1734 and and a companion bill has been introduced in the Senate.

- Representative, thank you for supporting the Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2015, HR 1734.
- Senator, please co-sponsor the Senate companion bill, S. 1803.

ISSUE **3**

Give Courts Time to Rule on EPA Power Plant Rules

Electric co-ops oppose EPA's Clean Power Plan (CPP) because the proposal violates states' authority while failing to consider the impacts on real people. Soon, states will have to comply - unless Congress or the courts step in. The Ratepayer Protection Act (HR 2042) was proposed by Chairman Whitfield and would provide welcome relief to co-op members by hitting the pause button on state compliance until the CPP's legal issues are addressed by the courts. HR 2042 passed the House in June with bipartisan support. A similar bill, S. 1324 has been introduced in the Senate by Sen. Capito. Earlier this summer the Supreme Court overturned another EPA rule targeting power plants, but the ruling came too late for numerous power plants that were shut down to comply. It's important that recent history is not repeated. We support efforts to give the states and the courts time to fully examine this complex proposal.

- Representative, thank you for support Rep. Whitfield's Ratepayer Protection Act of 2015, HR 2042.
- Senator, please support Sen. Capito's Affordable Reliable Electricity Now Act, S. 1324.