The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution opposing the proposed rule ‘Definition of “Waters of the United States” Under the Clean Water Act’

Resolution No. 15-01

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes (ITC) is an organization that unites the tribal governments of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek), and Seminole Nations, representing over 500,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council is the nationally recognized voice of the Five Civilized Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) have proposed significant changes (EPA-HQ-OW-2011-0880; Definition of ‘Waters of the United States’ Under the Clean Water Act; 79 Federal Registrar 22187) to the Clean Water Act (CWA) that drastically expand the federal government’s jurisdiction over land and water resources; and

WHEREAS, the proposed expansion of federal government jurisdiction would place onerous burdens on individual tribe members and tribal businesses through expanded regulatory permit requirements which are unwarranted and unnecessary; and

WHEREAS, ITC member tribes, working independently and cooperatively with local and state governments and private property owners have shown significant ability to steward land and water resources on a voluntary basis.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes is adamantly opposed to the proposed rule ‘Definition of “Waters of the United States” Under the Clean Water Act’.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma on this 9th day of January, 2015, by a vote of All in favor for none against and 0 abstentions.

Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation

George Tiger, Principal Chief
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Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

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