



MEDIA ADVISORY

WHAT: Save the U.S. EPA Cleveland Rally

WHO: Mike Mikulka, AFGE Local 704 President
Kerry McCormack, Cleveland City Councilman (Ward 3)
Jane Goodman, Executive Director, Cuyahoga River Restoration
Matt Gray, Chief of Sustainability, City of Cleveland
Harriet Applegate, Executive Secretary, North Shore Federation of Labor
Matt Zone, Cleveland City Councilman (Ward 15); President, National League of Cities
Kirk Lang, The Cleveland Rowing Foundation

Remarks will be delivered by staff members for:
Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, Ohio's 9th Congressional District
Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge, Ohio's 11th Congressional District

WHERE: Merwin's Wharf
1785 Merwin Ave, Cleveland, OH
Located on the Cuyahoga River

WHEN: October 18, 2017
Noon-1:00 P.M. ET

In part as a result of the Cuyahoga River fire in 1969, on October 18, 1972, the Clean Water Act was passed. In 2015, EPA and the Army Corps issued the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule to clarify which bodies of water should be regulated under the Clean Water Act, which protects the nation's waters from pollution.

The Trump administration is repealing the 2015 Clean Water Rule, the latest move to unwind environmental regulations put in place under former President Barack Obama. Administrator Pruitt's EPA is working to return to less protective measures that would put our waters and our health at risk.

As the Agency quickly loses sight of its mission to protect Americans' health and safety, Administrator Scott Pruitt has sworn to eliminate thousands of essential civil service jobs at EPA. The engineers, scientists, toxicologists, marine biologists, and others who monitor air pollution and clean water are significant contributors to Ohio's economy and their work is essential in order to protect and maintain the public health of residents across the Midwest.

Of immediate concern is the algae blooms in the western end of Lake Erie which blanket its waters and turn the lake unsightly shades of green in most summers. An outbreak in 2014 contaminated the tap water for more than 400,000 people around Toledo.

Now, as we celebrate the 45th anniversary of the Clean Water Act, we can't go back to burning rivers. The Trump administration's efforts to repeal the 2015 Clean Water Rule does just that. This campaign sounds the alarm that we must move fight any attempts to roll back protections for our lakes and rivers.

ABOUT SAVE THE U.S. EPA

[Save the U.S. EPA](#) is a national campaign being conducted by the [National Council of EPA Locals #238](#) and [American Federation of Government Employees](#) (AFGE) to protect the jobs and programs that are vital to the health and safety of America's air, water, land, marine life and endangered species.

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