



Separation systems Consultants, Inc. (SSCI), is an environmental, construction, and engineering firm that can help keep your sites clean of hazardous and nonhazardous waste. Spring is a perfect time to clean up the yard, warehouse, shop, stormwater and waterquality ponds. SSCI will keep your sites not only looking great but safer and in compliance!

Texas Parks and Wildlife has again awarded SSCI with a Statewide Environmental & Hazardous Materials Services contract which helps with spring cleaning at the Texas parks properties. SSCi also responds to emergent situations such as floods, hurricanes, or other natural disasters.

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The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) released its Final Rule redefining "Waters of the United States " (WOTUS) under the Clean Water Act.

- As of <u>March 20, 2023</u>, regulations defining "Waters of the United States" will be interpreted in a much broader way.
- Both the 2015 Clean Water Rule (Obama Administration) and the Navigable Waters Protection (Trump Administration) rules are discontinued.
- Protected water has been expanded to include wetlands without a surface water connection, adjacent lakes and ponds that are not jurisdictional as tributaries, as well as nonadjacent, intrastate, and non-navigable waters.
- Uncertainty concerning the definition of "adjacent" has increased.
- The new Final Rule has increased regulations and permitting for individuals and entities planning to build on their properties near bodies of water and for farms and ranches that irrigate.

## For more information:

The Texas Agriculture Law Blog: Waters of the United States Update



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