



## Employee Profile - Bryon Dorsey

Bryon has treated non-hazardous wastewater at Aqua Treat for 15 years. Many waste streams require specific chemical treatments, and Bryon has experience handling everything from latex, to used oil, and everything in between. His chemical knowledge and years of experience translate into effective treatments of all manner of waste streams.

Bryon is a team player and gladly steps in wherever he is needed. He can hop in a truck in an emergency or join our E.R. department on a train derailment.

A confident and cheerful guy, Aqua Treat and its customers have benefitted from Bryon's exceptional work.

Marion Environmental Inc. is one of the leading providers of environmental consulting, remediation, and emergency response in the southeast. Our goal is to provide cost effective solutions to environmental problems.  
Making *our* standard, industry standard.

## Waters of the US Proposal

The EPA's Waters of the US Proposal -- probably the most fought-over rules to be finalized by the EPA in years -- will soon be redefining the "Waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act. The EPA will issue its redefinition next year, according to the agency's stated agenda.

The Clean Water Act of 1972, which prohibits discharging into "navigable waters" without a federal permit, originally defined "navigable waters" as, simply, "waters of the United States." The common understanding was that those waters were limited to rivers and channels used for interstate commerce.

Under the proposed new rule, "Waters of the United States" will be further clarified and will now include: navigable waters, interstate wetlands, tributaries, adjacent waters, and other waters; "other waters" being defined as those with a "significant nexus" to "navigable waters."

Many companies and individuals have expressed concern over the new rule, saying that it greatly expands the EPA's power to regulate even small bodies of water on private property.

The EPA says that the rule is needed to clear up uncertainty over their jurisdiction in the wake of two Supreme Court rulings. The EPA says "the decisions established important considerations for how those regulations should be interpreted" and that "experience implementing the regulations following the two court cases has identified several areas that could benefit from additional clarification through rulemaking."

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As the Supreme Court has recognized, the Clean Water Act applies to some waters that don't flow 100 percent of the time.

The agency's proposed rule includes definitions for various Clean Water Act terms to make it easier to figure out what's in and what's out.

As an example:

- The proposed rule says that all "tributaries" are jurisdictional.
- The rule includes a definition of "tributary," defined as something with a bed and bank and an ordinary high water mark.

The EPA expects that a very small number of additional waters – 3.2 percent - will be found jurisdictional compared to current practice because of greater clarity regarding whether waters are protected or not. Some critics predict a greater percentage of additional water.

The EPA says that this new rule clarifies definitions and critics say that their rule redefines jurisdiction.



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## MEI/Aqua Treat Christmas Party

Saturday, December 20th  
Chattanooga, TN

### Holiday Safety Tips

#### Shopping

If you must shop at night, park in a well-lit area.

Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car. This creates a temptation for thieves. If you must leave something in the car, lock it in the trunk or put it out of sight.

#### Home

Leave a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied.

Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home.

When setting up a Christmas tree or other holiday display, make sure doors and passageways are clear inside your home.

Be sure your Christmas tree is mounted on a sturdy base so children, elderly persons or family pets cannot pull it over on themselves.

If you use lights on your Christmas tree ensure the wiring is not damaged or frayed. Frayed or damaged wiring can cause a fire.

Place your Christmas tree in water or wet sand to keep it green.

Never place wrapping paper in your fireplace.

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