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**NUCA Applauds High Court's Decision On Sackett v. EPA**  
*America's Utility Construction Industry Strongly  
Supports Increased Clarity on Clean Water Act Rules*

(Fairfax, Va.) – *The chief executive officer of the National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA), Doug Carlson, issued the following statement supporting today's decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in Sackett v Environmental Protection Agency:*

"Carefully defining the Clean Water Act and narrowing the reach of the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) definitions should be celebrated by all Americans. For too long, construction projects have faced unpredictable deadlines because of uncertainty over broad definitions of wetlands subject to federal regulation. This unnecessary confusion has delayed rebuilding the nation's crumbling infrastructure, increased taxpayer costs, and negatively affected too many Americans and other essential utility infrastructure."

"Today's Supreme Court decision removes many of the arbitrary and overly broad protection classifications our members faced in their infrastructure construction project plans. Many of our critical projects directly benefit the health of our communities and the environment, but nevertheless fall victim to a tangled mess of overlapping federal regulations and permitting requirements that produce endless delays."

"Clarifying the jurisdiction of Clean Water Act authority, and the adoption of a more limited and sensible WOTUS regulation, will remove overly burdensome federal rules harming small businesses, infrastructure projects, and entire American communities."

"This reasonable decision by the court will greatly help our industry's compliance with environmental regulations and meet our project deadlines to provide clean drinking water and sanitary wastewater to America's communities. NUCA applauds this common-sense ruling by the nation's highest court, and urges the EPA to go back to the drawing board to produce WOTUS regulations that comply with the court's decision."

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Founded in 1964, the National Utility Contractors Association represents over 2,000 U.S. utility and excavation contractors, manufacturers, and suppliers who provide the materials and workforce to build and maintain our nation's intricate network of water, sewer, gas, telecommunications, and electric infrastructure. NUCA is found online at [www.nuca.com](http://www.nuca.com), and can be followed on Twitter at **@NUCA\_National**. The association's Twitter hashtags are #WeDigAmerica and #NUCAdigs.