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Clean Water Act & Wetlands WebQuest

Rapanos v. U.S. Corp of Engineers:
<https://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/cert/04-1034>

Important Wetlands Court Decision:

- I. Backstory of the Case
 - a. Plaintiff(s):
 - b. Defendant(s):
 - c. Location, including description of the wetland described in the case:
 - d. Action(s) that led to the suit?
- II. Disposition of the Case
 - a. Resolution(s) at various courts, including highest court decision?
 - b. Is the outcome of this case a victory or a defeat for wetlands protection? Explain...

SWANCC v. U.S. Corp of Engineers
<https://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/html/99-1178.ZO.html>

Sackett v. US EPA
<https://www.law.cornell.edu/supremecourt/text/10-1062>

1. What are wetlands and why are they important?
2. <http://water.epa.gov/type/wetlands/>
3. What are the different types of freshwater wetlands? How do they differ?
http://water.epa.gov/type/wetlands/types_index.cfm
4. How are wetlands delineated? What characteristics are used to delineate wetland boundaries?
http://www.usace.army.mil/Portals/2/docs/civilworks/regulatory/rw_bro.pdf
5. What are the basic goals of the Clean Water Act?
<http://www2.epa.gov/laws-regulations/summary-clean-water-act>

What “fixes” or improvements or the CWA have been proposed in the Clean Water Rule? Watch the following video:

Video (EPA): <http://www2.epa.gov/cleanwaterrule/videos-about-proposal-protect-clean-water#vid3>

<http://www2.epa.gov/cleanwaterrule/what-clean-water-rule-does>

6. What is Section 404 of the CWA about? Why is it needed?
<http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/guidance/cwa/dredgdis/>
7. What is the role of the US Army Corps of Engineers in wetlands protection?
<http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/guidance/cwa/dredgdis/>
8. Wetlands protection is under attack in some states, including Ohio. Why?

<http://midwestenergynews.com/2014/09/09/conservation-needs-can-clash-with-shale-gas/>