

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

CAPE FEAR RIVER WATCH, RURAL
EMPOWERMENT ASSOCIATION FOR
COMMUNITY HELP, WATERKEEPER
ALLIANCE, HUMANE WORLD FOR
ANIMALS, FOOD & WATER WATCH,
ENVIRONMENT AMERICA, CENTER FOR
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, and ANIMAL
LEGAL DEFENSE FUND,

Petitioners,

v.

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY; and LEE ZELDIN, in his official
capacity as Administrator of the U.S.
Environmental Protection Agency,

Respondents.

Case No. _____

PETITION FOR REVIEW

Pursuant to Section 509(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1369(b)(1), Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 15, and Ninth Circuit Local Rule 15-1, Cape Fear River Watch, Rural Empowerment Association for Community Help, Waterkeepers Alliance, Humane World for Animals, Food & Water Watch, Environment America, Center for Biological Diversity, and Animal Legal Defense Fund (“Petitioners”) hereby petition the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit for review of the final action of Respondents U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) and EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin deciding not to finalize revised effluent limitation guidelines (“ELGs”) or promulgate pretreatment standards for the Meat and Poultry Products industrial point source category (40 C.F.R. Part 432).

EPA announced this action in a Federal Register notice published at 90 Fed. Reg. 42538 (Sept. 3, 2025), titled “Clean Water Act Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the

Meat and Poultry Products Point Source Category” (Exhibit A). EPA’s docket number for this final action is EPA–HQ–OW–2021–0736.

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of September, 2025.

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Exhibit A: Federal Register notice published at 90 Fed. Reg. 42538 (Sept. 3, 2025), titled "Clean Water Act Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Meat and Poultry Products Point Source Category"

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