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Certain wetlands protection altered

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Bush administration made it harder Tuesday for nonpermanent streams and nearby wetlands to be protected under the federal Clean Water Act.

The new guidance issued by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers requires that for such waters to be protected there must be a "significant nexus" shown between the intermittent stream or wetland and a traditional waterway.