

# Clean Water Act Marks 50 Years as Lawyers Say Improvement Needed

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Carlton Fields environmental attorney Neal McAilely was quoted in a *Bloomberg Law* article, “Clean Water Act Marks 50 Years as Lawyers Say Improvement Needed.” While the about the Act has been hailed for taking steps to curb pollution on the nation’s riverways and streams, environmental and natural resources attorneys say improvements are still needed to ensure the law accomplishes its mission. McAilely notes that though the act has been successful in keeping untreated sewage out of rivers and made progress in eliminating industrial pollution from rivers, “[it] leaves most of regulation on nonpoint source pollution to the states because reducing that type of pollution requires land use controls. There are no simple mechanisms under the Clean Water Act to regulate it.” [Read the article.](#)

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