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## The Clean Water Act's Exemption for Discharges of Dredged or Fill Material from Normal Farming Activities

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- I. Statutory text: 33 U.S.C. § 1344(f)(1)(A)
- II. Legislative history: 1977 Amendments to the Clean Water Act
- III. Regulatory text: 33 C.F.R. § 323.4
- IV. Guidance
  - A. EPA's website
  - B. 1990 Memorandum to the Field
- V. Case law example: Borden Ranch Partnership v. U.S. Army Corps of Eng'rs
  - A. Brief for the Environmental Protection Agency and the Corps of Engineers submitted to the Supreme Court of the United States (excerpts)
- VI. Questions

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