



## **Lincoln wants to prevent EPA from intruding onto farms**

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Senate Ag Committee Chairman Blanche Lincoln says she's disappointed the U.S. Supreme Court refused to review a Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals decision requiring permits under the Clean Water Act (CWA) for pesticide applications on, over or near water.

According to Lincoln, the lower court ruling in National Cotton Council v. the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) goes beyond the intent of the CWA and will force new regulatory burdens upon agricultural producers.

"I am exploring all solutions, regulatory and legislative, to remedy this problem and will use the Chairmanship to prevent EPA from intruding onto our farms," Lincoln says in a statement.

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates the permitting scheme will affect 5.6 million pesticide applications annually.

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