Economic Costs of WOTUS on Small Businesses

ALABAMA

According to SBA Office of Advocacy data, President Biden's new WOTUS Rule will impact **64,259 ALABAMA** small businesses

**INDUSTRIES AT RISK**

**Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting**

- An estimated 5,121 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 5,770 EMPLOYEES are impacted

**Construction**

- An estimated 51,048 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 73,357 EMPLOYEES are impacted

**Manufacturing**

- An estimated 8,090 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 86,298 EMPLOYEES are impacted

The EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers unveiled their final Revised Definition of WOTUS, which would significantly expand regulations around permits for land and building projects. It would create significant uncertainty around what criteria will be used to determine whether a permit is ultimately awarded. The Rule would even require private individuals to prove water on their land is **not** under the federal government's jurisdiction. The rule is effective starting March 20, 2023.