Economic Costs of WOTUS on Small Businesses

ARKANSAS

According to SBA Office of Advocacy data, President Biden’s new WOTUS Rule will impact 47,165 ARKANSAS small businesses.

INDUSTRIES AT RISK

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting

- An estimated 5,559 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 4,145 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Construction

- An estimated 36,921 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 42,523 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Manufacturing

- An estimated 4,685 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 40,922 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.