Economic Costs of WOTUS on Small Businesses

ARIZONA

According to SBA Office of Advocacy data, President Biden’s new WOTUS Rule will impact 73,810 ARIZONA small businesses

INDUSTRIES AT RISK

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting
An estimated 3,077 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
An estimated 1,948 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Construction
An estimated 59,636 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
An estimated 134,309 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Manufacturing
An estimated 11,097 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
An estimated 67,795 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.