Economic Costs of WOTUS on Small Businesses

CALIFORNIA

According to SBA Office of Advocacy data, President Biden's new WOTUS Rule will impact 419,841 CALIFORNIA small businesses.

INDUSTRIES AT RISK

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting

- An estimated 16,362 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 19,425 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Construction

- An estimated 325,001 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 678,247 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Manufacturing

- An estimated 78,478 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 587,931 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.

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