Economic Costs of WOTUS on Small Businesses

CONNECTICUT

According to SBA Office of Advocacy data, President Biden’s new WOTUS Rule will impact 48,091 CONNECTICUT small businesses

INDUSTRIES AT RISK

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting

- An estimated 1,300 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 334 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Construction

- An estimated 39,859 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 50,128 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Manufacturing

- An estimated 6,860 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 72,455 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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