Economic Costs of WOTUS on Small Businesses

DELWARE

According to SBA Office of Advocacy data, President Biden's new WOTUS Rule will impact 10,835 DELWARE small businesses.

INDUSTRIES AT RISK

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting

- An estimated 533 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 121 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Construction

- An estimated 8,993 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 21,404 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Manufacturing

- An estimated 1,309 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 9,906 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.