Economic Costs of WOTUS on Small Businesses

GEORGIA

According to SBA Office of Advocacy data, President Biden’s new WOTUS Rule will impact 159,130 GEORGIA small businesses.

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Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting
- An estimated 7,524 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 6,781 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Construction
- An estimated 134,032 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 153,565 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Manufacturing
- An estimated 17,574 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 128,927 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.