Economic Costs of WOTUS on Small Businesses

ILLINOIS

According to SBA Office of Advocacy data, President Biden’s new WOTUS Rule will impact 148,013 ILLINOIS small businesses.

INDUSTRIES AT RISK

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting
- An estimated 5,567 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 1,154 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Construction
- An estimated 121,189 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 176,827 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Manufacturing
- An estimated 21,257 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 251,234 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.