Economic Costs of WOTUS on Small Businesses

KENTUCKY

According to SBA Office of Advocacy data, President Biden’s new WOTUS Rule will impact 60,602 KENTUCKY small businesses

INDUSTRIES AT RISK

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting

98.7%

OF THIS SECTOR’S SMALL BUSINESS EMPLOYERS WILL BE DISRUPTED BY BIDEN’S WOTUS RULE

An estimated 5,138 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
An estimated 1,488 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Construction

99.0%

OF THIS SECTOR’S SMALL BUSINESS EMPLOYERS WILL BE DISRUPTED BY BIDEN’S WOTUS RULE

An estimated 48,645 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
An estimated 65,182 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Manufacturing

86.7%

OF THIS SECTOR’S SMALL BUSINESS EMPLOYERS WILL BE DISRUPTED BY BIDEN’S WOTUS RULE

An estimated 6,819 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
An estimated 76,909 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.