Economic Costs of WOTUS on Small Businesses

LOUISIANA

According to SBA Office of Advocacy data, President Biden’s new WOTUS Rule will impact 65,917 LOUISIANA small businesses

INDUSTRIES AT RISK

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting

- An estimated 9,073 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 3,227 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Construction

- An estimated 49,601 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 77,428 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Manufacturing

- An estimated 7,243 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 52,535 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.