Economic Costs of WOTUS on Small Businesses

MASSACHUSETTS

According to SBA Office of Advocacy data, President Biden’s new WOTUS Rule will impact **94,513 MASSACHUSETTS** small businesses.

### INDUSTRIES AT RISK

#### Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting
- **99.7%** of this sector's small business employers will be disrupted by Biden's WOTUS Rule.
- An estimated 4,941 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted.
- An estimated 1,144 EMPLOYEES are impacted.

#### Construction
- **99.5%** of this sector's small business employers will be disrupted by Biden's WOTUS Rule.
- An estimated 77,990 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted.
- An estimated 130,486 EMPLOYEES are impacted.

#### Manufacturing
- **94.0%** of this sector's small business employers will be disrupted by Biden's WOTUS Rule.
- An estimated 11,582 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted.
- An estimated 117,282 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**.