Economic Costs of WOTUS on Small Businesses

MARYLAND

According to SBA Office of Advocacy data, President Biden’s new WOTUS Rule will impact 74,175 MARYLAND small businesses

INDUSTRIES AT RISK

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting
- An estimated 3,622 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 666 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Construction
- An estimated 63,368 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 135,490 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Manufacturing
- An estimated 7,185 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 45,953 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.

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