Economic Costs of WOTUS on Small Businesses

MAINE

According to SBA Office of Advocacy data, President Biden’s new WOTUS Rule will impact 36,373 MAINE small businesses.

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**Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting**
- An estimated 9,770 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 3,287 EMPLOYEES are impacted

**Construction**
- An estimated 22,803 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 25,903 EMPLOYEES are impacted

**Manufacturing**
- An estimated 3,800 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 25,236 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.