Economic Costs of WOTUS on Small Businesses

MISSISSIPPI

According to SBA Office of Advocacy data, President Biden’s new WOTUS Rule will impact **43,005 MISSISSIPPI** small businesses

**INDUSTRIES AT RISK**

**Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting**
- An estimated 4,677 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 3,983 EMPLOYEES are impacted

**Construction**
- An estimated 33,950 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 34,184 EMPLOYEES are impacted

**Manufacturing**
- An estimated 4,378 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 42,932 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.

**U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

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