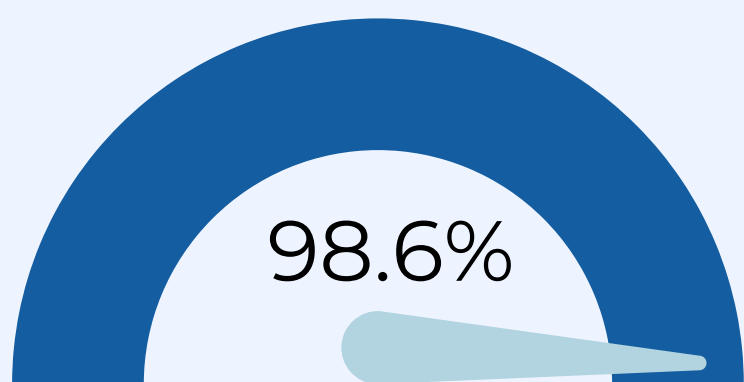


Economic Costs of WOTUS on Small Businesses

NORTH CAROLINA

According to SBA Office of Advocacy data, President Biden's new WOTUS Rule will impact **149,840 NORTH CAROLINA** small businesses

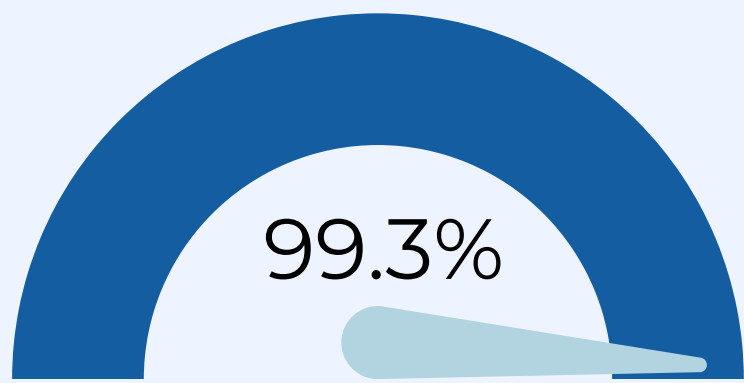
INDUSTRIES AT RISK



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Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting

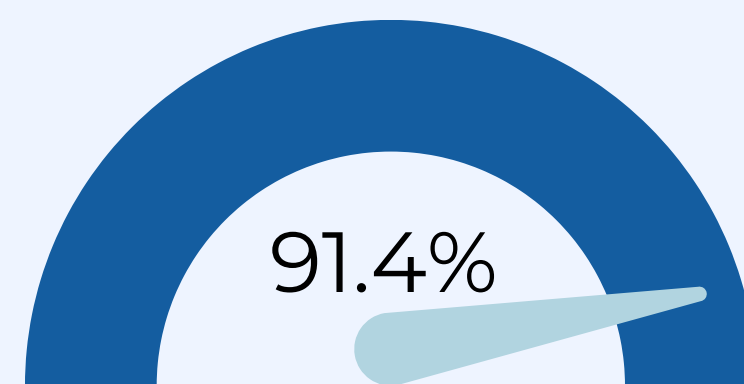
An estimated 9,000 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
An estimated 4,556 EMPLOYEES are impacted



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Construction

An estimated 123,249 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
An estimated 179,534 EMPLOYEES are impacted



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Manufacturing

An estimated 17,591 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
An estimated 156,084 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**.