According to SBA Office of Advocacy data, President Biden’s new WOTUS Rule will impact 22,734 NEW MEXICO small businesses.

**INDUSTRIES AT RISK**

**Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting**
- An estimated 2,003 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 376 EMPLOYEES are impacted

**Construction**
- An estimated 16,805 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 38,306 EMPLOYEES are impacted

**Manufacturing**
- An estimated 3,926 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 15,699 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.