Economic Costs of WOTUS on Small Businesses

NEW YORK

According to SBA Office of Advocacy data, President Biden’s new WOTUS Rule will impact 227,765 NEW YORK small businesses.

INDUSTRIES AT RISK

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting

- An estimated 7,171 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 2,597 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Construction

- An estimated 189,037 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 349,052 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Manufacturing

- An estimated 31,557 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 237,758 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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