Economic Costs of WOTUS on Small Businesses

OHIO

According to SBA Office of Advocacy data, President Biden's new WOTUS Rule will impact **146,308 OHIO** small businesses

**INDUSTRIES AT RISK**

**Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting**
An estimated 7,435 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
An estimated 1,097 EMPLOYEES are impacted

**Construction**
An estimated 114,416 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
An estimated 167,130 EMPLOYEES are impacted

**Manufacturing**
An estimated 24,457 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
An estimated 292,140 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.