Economic Costs of WOTUS on Small Businesses

OKLAHOMA

According to SBA Office of Advocacy data, President Biden's new WOTUS Rule will impact 58,145 OKLAHOMA small businesses.

INDUSTRIES AT RISK

**Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting**
- An estimated 4,408 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 760 EMPLOYEES are impacted

**Construction**
- An estimated 46,702 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 65,258 EMPLOYEES are impacted

**Manufacturing**
- An estimated 7,035 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 54,548 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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