Economic Costs of WOTUS on Small Businesses

PENNSYLVANIA

According to SBA Office of Advocacy data, President Biden's new WOTUS Rule will impact 155,923 PENNSYLVANIA small businesses.

INDUSTRIES AT RISK

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting

An estimated 8,692 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
An estimated 2,695 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Construction

An estimated 121,986 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
An estimated 211,354 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Manufacturing

An estimated 25,245 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
An estimated 265,502 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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