

# Economic Costs of WOTUS on Small Businesses

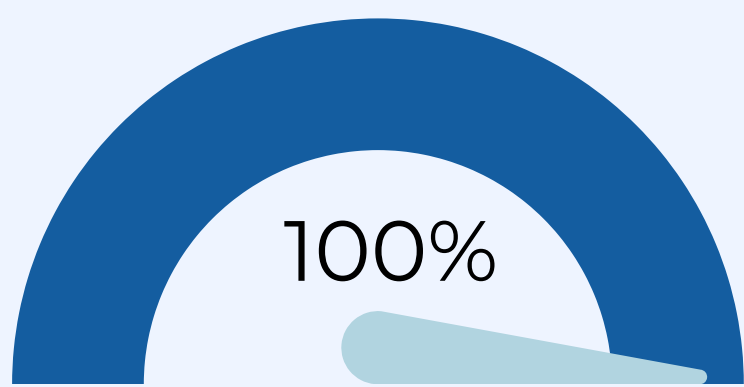
## RHODE ISLAND

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According to SBA Office of Advocacy data,  
President Biden's new WOTUS Rule will  
impact **15,498 RHODE ISLAND** small  
businesses

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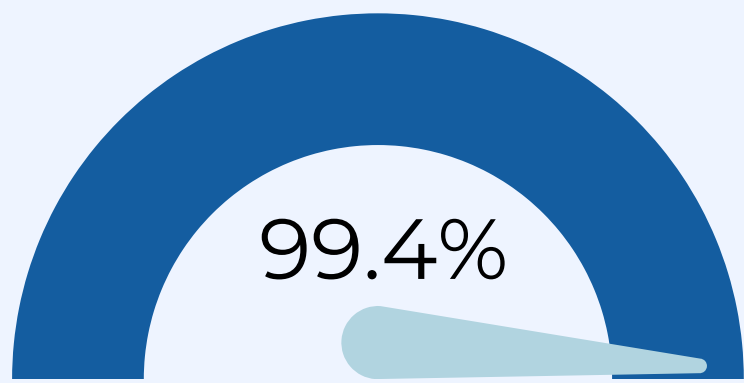
### INDUSTRIES AT RISK



OF THIS SECTOR'S SMALL BUSINESS  
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#### Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting

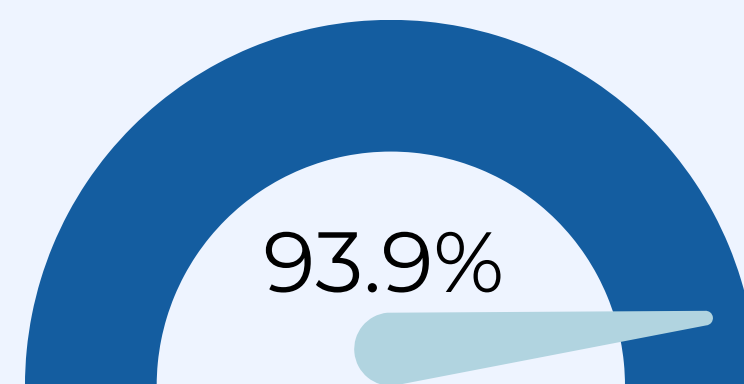
An estimated 1,190 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted  
An estimated 173 EMPLOYEES are impacted



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#### Construction

An estimated 12,079 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted  
An estimated 18,692 EMPLOYEES are impacted



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#### Manufacturing

An estimated 2,229 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted  
An estimated 22,617 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**.