Economic Costs of WOTUS on Small Businesses

SOUTH CAROLINA

According to SBA Office of Advocacy data, President Biden's new WOTUS Rule will impact 63,627 SOUTH CAROLINA small businesses.

INDUSTRIES AT RISK

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting
- An estimated 3,633 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 3,735 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Construction
- An estimated 52,301 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 76,149 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Manufacturing
- An estimated 7,693 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 75,589 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.