Economic Costs of WOTUS on Small Businesses

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According to SBA Office of Advocacy data, President Biden's new WOTUS Rule will impact 473,955 TEXAS small businesses

INDUSTRIES AT RISK

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting
An estimated 24,273 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
An estimated 5,874 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Construction
An estimated 396,601 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
An estimated 496,818 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Manufacturing
An estimated 53,081 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
An estimated 336,787 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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