Economic Costs of WOTUS on Small Businesses

UTAH

According to SBA Office of Advocacy data, President Biden’s new WOTUS Rule will impact 39,768 UTAH small businesses

INDUSTRIES AT RISK

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting

An estimated 1,832 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
An estimated 435 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Construction

An estimated 30,360 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
An estimated 77,993 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Manufacturing

An estimated 7,576 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
An estimated 51,935 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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