Economic Costs of WOTUS on Small Businesses

WASHINGTON

According to SBA Office of Advocacy data, President Biden's new WOTUS Rule will impact **82,493** small businesses in Washington.

**INDUSTRIES AT RISK**

- **Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting**
  - An estimated 8,895 small businesses impacted
  - An estimated 11,776 employees impacted

- **Construction**
  - An estimated 59,448 small businesses impacted
  - An estimated 171,577 employees impacted

- **Manufacturing**
  - An estimated 14,150 small businesses impacted
  - An estimated 112,009 employees 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.