Economic Costs of WOTUS on Small Businesses

WISCONSIN

According to SBA Office of Advocacy data, President Biden's new WOTUS Rule will impact 74,339 WISCONSIN small businesses.

INDUSTRIES AT RISK

**Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting**

- An estimated 6,969 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 2,374 EMPLOYEES are impacted

**Construction**

- An estimated 53,316 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 94,969 EMPLOYEES are impacted

**Manufacturing**

- An estimated 14,054 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 207,822 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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