Economic Costs of WOTUS on Small Businesses

WEST VIRGINIA

According to SBA Office of Advocacy data, President Biden’s new WOTUS Rule will impact 15,696 WEST VIRGINIA small businesses

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### Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting
- An estimated 1,494 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 804 EMPLOYEES are impacted
- 99.2% of this sector’s small business employers will be disrupted by Biden’s WOTUS rule

### Construction
- An estimated 12,151 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 22,029 EMPLOYEES are impacted
- 98.6% of this sector’s small business employers will be disrupted by Biden’s WOTUS rule

### Manufacturing
- An estimated 2,051 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 18,238 EMPLOYEES are impacted
- 88.2% of this sector’s small business employers will be disrupted by Biden’s WOTUS rule

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.