

[TA-W-31,247]

**Fina Oil and Chemical Company  
Exploration & Production Group  
Offshore Division at Various Locations  
in Texas; Certification Regarding  
Eligibility To Apply for Worker  
Adjustment Assistance**

And Also Operating in The Following  
Other States:

TA-W-31,247A Louisiana  
TA-W-31,247B Alabama  
TA-W-31,247C Colorado  
TA-W-31,247D Oklahoma

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2273) as amended by the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-418), the Department of Labor herein presents the results of an investigation regarding certification of eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance.

In order to make an affirmative determination and issue a certification of eligibility to apply for adjustment assistance each of the group eligibility requirements of Section 222 of the Act must be met. It is determined in this case that all of the requirements have been met.

The investigation was initiated in response to a petition received on July 17, 1995 and filed on behalf of workers at Fina Oil and Chemical Company, at various locations in Texas, and also operating in the following other states: Louisiana, Alabama, Colorado & Oklahoma. The workers are engaged in occupations related to the production of crude oil and natural gas.

The investigation revealed that production and employment declined at the subject firm in 1994 and in January through June 1995. Company imports of crude oil increased in these same periods.

The investigation also disclosed that crude oil produced by the subject firm is marketed through normal retail channels and has been impacted by the high penetration of imports into the crude oil market.

U.S. imports of crude oil increased absolutely and relative to domestic shipments and consumption in 1994 and again in the twelve month period ending in May 1995. The ratio of imports to domestic production is over 102 percent.

**Conclusion**

After careful review of the facts obtained in the investigation, I conclude that increases of imports of articles like or directly competitive with crude oil and natural gas produced at Fina Oil and Chemical Company, at various

locations in Texas, and also operating in the following other states: Louisiana, Alabama, Colorado and Oklahoma contributed importantly to the decline in sales or production and to the total or partial separation of workers of that firm. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, I make the following certification:

"All workers of Fina Oil and Chemical Company at various locations in Texas (TA-W-31,247) & operating in the following cited States, engaged in employment related to the production of crude oil and natural gas who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after October 8, 1994 through two years from the date of certification are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974."

TA-W-31,247A Louisiana  
TA-W-31,247B Alabama  
TA-W-31,247C Colorado  
TA-W-31,247D Oklahoma

Signed in Washington, D.C. this 25th day of August, 1995

Victor J. Trunzo,

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**Notice of Determinations Regarding  
Eligibility To Apply for Worker  
Adjustment Assistance and NAFTA  
Transitional Adjustment Assistance**

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, the Department of Labor herein presents summaries of determinations regarding eligibility to apply for trade adjustment assistance for workers (TA-W) issued during the period of August and September, 1995.

In order for an affirmative to be made and a certification of eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance to be issued, each of the group eligibility requirements of Section 222 of the Act must be met.

(1) That a significant number or proportion of the workers in the workers' firm, or an appropriate subdivision thereof, have become totally or partially separated,

(2) That sales or production, or both, of the firm or subdivision have decreased absolutely, and

(3) That increases of imports of articles like or directly competitive with articles produced by the firm or appropriate subdivision have contributed importantly to the separations, or threat thereof, and to the absolute decline in sales or production.

Negative Determinations for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In each of the following cases the investigation revealed that criterion (3) has not been met. A survey of customers indicated that increased imports did not contribute importantly to worker separations at the firm.

TA-W-31,260; IBM Corp., Banks Manufacturing, Endicott, NY  
TA-W-31,160; Noll Printing Co., Inc., Huntington, IN  
TA-W-31,300; Omega News & Advertising, Inc., El Paso, TX

In the following cases, the investigation revealed that the criteria for eligibility have not been met for the reasons specified.

TA-W-31,301; Electron Wire, El Paso, TX  
TA-W-31,316; Collegiate Pacific, Roanoke, VA  
TA-W-31,353; Dura Convertible System, Adrian, MI  
TA-W-31,295, TA-W-31,296; Portac, Inc. of Tacoma, Beaver, WA & Forks, WA  
TA-W-31,286; Blairsville Machine Products Co., Blairsville, PA  
TA-W-31,291; Lucas AU1, Hazleton Div., Hazleton, PA

Increased imports did not contribute importantly to worker separations at the firm.

TA-W-31,176; Handy & Harman, East Providence, RI

U.S. imports of gold declined in 1994 compared to 1993. The ratio of gold imports to domestic production declined in the same comparative periods.

TA-W-31,172; International Marine Carriers, Mineola, NY  
TA-W-31,320; Associated Gas Services, Inc., (A subsidiary of Panhandle Eastern Corp.), Houston, TX

The workers' firm does not produce an article as required for certification under Section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Affirmative Determinations for Worker Adjustment Assistance

The following certifications have been issued; the date following the company name and location for each determination references the impact date for all workers for such determination.

TA-W-31,214, TA-W-31,215, TA-W-31,216, TA-W-31,217; Buddy L., Inc., Lincoln St. Gloversville, NY, Patch Rd., Gloversville, NY  
Mayfield, NY and New York, NY: July 26, 1994.  
TA-W-31,310; Cassaro Manufacturing Co., Carbondale, PA: July 24, 1994.

TA-W-31,308; American Safety Razor, Verona, VA: July 21, 1994.

TA-W-31,307; Exide Corp., Hamburg, PA: July 7, 1994.

TA-W-31,285; Red Level Fashions, Red Level, AL: July 7, 1994.

TA-W-31,319; American Standard, Inc., US Plumbing Products Div., Hamilton Township, NJ: July 27, 1994.

TA-W-31,293; Movie Star of Purvis, Purvis, MS: July 31, 1994.

TA-W-31,196; Cornik Fashion, Jersey City, NJ: May 16, 1994.

TA-W-31,311; Hillin-Simon/Prime Exploration, L.C., Midland, TX: August 25, 1995.

TA-W-31,161 & A; AEP Industries, Inc., South Hackensack, NJ and Moonachie, NJ: June 12, 1994.

TA-W-31,189; Cuddle Teen Frocks, Inc., New York, NY: June 21, 1994.

TA-W-31,195; Belden Wire & Cable Co (Formerly American Electric Cordsets Co), Cord Products Div., Bensenville, IL: June 15, 1994.

TA-W-31,197; H.H. Cutler Co., Statesboro, GA: June 1, 1994.

TA-W-31,233 & A; Jos J. Pietrafesa Co., Carrollton, GA & Liverpool, NY: July 7, 1994.

TA-W-31,347, TA-W-31,348, TA-W-31,349; Atlantic Oil Co., Glendale, CA, Bakersfield, CA and Sutter, CA: July 11, 1994.

TA-W-31,242; Fina Oil & Chemical Co., Exploration & Production Group, Dallas, TX: October 8, 1994.

TA-W-31,243, TA-W-31,244, TA-W-31,245, TA-W-31,246; Fina Oil & Chemical Co., South Louisiana Div., South Texas Div., East Texas Div., & West Texas Div. Located Through out the States of Texas & Louisiana: October 8, 1994.

TA-W-31,247; Fina Oil & Chemical Co., Offshore Div., With Locations in the States of Texas &, Operating in the Following Other States: A; Louisiana, B; Alabama, C; Colorado, D; Oklahoma: October 8, 1994.

TA-W-31,167, TA-W-31,168, TA-W-31,169; GCO Apparel Genesco, Bowdon, GA, Woodland, AL, Heflin, AL: June 13, 1994.

TA-W-31,324 & A; New Vision, Brooklyn, NY & New York, NY: August 1, 1994.

TA-W-31,299; P & M Tile, Inc., Mt. Gilead, NC: July 21, 1994.

TA-W-31,208; Delta Castings, Cooper, TX: June 19, 1994.

TA-W-31,234; Calvin Manufacturing Co., Tallapoosa, GA: July 7, 1994.

TA-W-31,222; Pamco Shoe Machinery Co., Inc., Lewiston, ME: June 22, 1994.

TA-W-31,254; Dexter Shoe Co., Milo Plant, Milo, ME: July 7, 1994.

TA-W-31,177; ITT Automotive, Tonawanda, NY: June 9, 1994.

Also, pursuant to Title V of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (P.L. 103-182) concerning transitional adjustment assistance hereinafter called (NAFTA-TAA) and in accordance with Section 250(a) Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Title II, of the Trade Act as amended, the Department of Labor presents summaries of determinations regarding eligibility to apply for NAFTA-TAA issued during the month of August and September, 1995.

In order for an affirmative determination to be made and a certification of eligibility to apply for NAFTA-TAA the following group eligibility requirements of Section 250 of the Trade Act must be met:

(1) That a significant number or proportion of the workers in the workers' firm, or an appropriate subdivision thereof, (including workers in any agricultural firm or appropriate subdivision thereof) have become totally or partially separated from employment and either—

(2) That sales or production, or both, of such firm or subdivision have decreased absolutely,

(3) That imports from Mexico or Canada of articles like or directly competitive with articles produced by such firm or subdivision have increased, and that the increases in imports contributed importantly to such workers' separations or threat of separation and to the decline in sales or production of such firm or subdivision; or

(4) That there has been a shift in production by such workers' firm or subdivision to Mexico or Canada of articles like or directly competitive with articles which are produced by the firm or subdivision.

#### Negative Determinations NAFTA-TAA

In each of the following cases the investigation revealed that criteria (3) and (4) were not met. Imports from Canada or Mexico did not contribute importantly to workers' separations. There was no shift in production from the subject firm to Canada or Mexico during the relevant period.

NAFTA-TAA-00530; Omega News & Advertising, Inc., El Paso, TX  
 NAFTA-TAA-00370; Washington South Sound Services, Olympia, WA  
 NAFTA-TAA-00382; Titanium Metals Corp (TIMET), Tremont Div., Henderson, NV

In the following cases, the investigation revealed that the criteria for eligibility have not been met for the reasons specified.

NAFTA-TAA-00544; National Tea Co., In., DBA "The Treal Superstore", New Orleans, LA  
 NAFTA-TAA-00526; USDA Forest Service, Superior, MT

The investigation revealed that the workers of the subject firm do not produce an article within the meaning of Section 250(a) of the Trade Act, as amended.

#### Affirmative Determinations NAFTA-TAA

The following certifications have been issued; the date following the company name & location for each determination references the impact date for all workers for such determination.

NAFTA-TAA-00549; American Standard, Inc., U.S. Plumbing Products Div., Trenton, NJ: August 4, 1994.

NAFTA-TAA-00554; P&M Tile, Inc., Mount Gilead, NC: July 21, 1994.

NAFTA-TAA-00541; Gould Electronics, Inc., A.K.A. Gould Shawmut Marble Falls, TX: July 31, 1994.

NAFTA-TAA-00537; Vaagen Brothers Lumber, Inc., Colville, WA: July 22, 1994.

NAFTA-TAA-00539 & A, B; The 500 Fashion Group, Northampton, PA, Whitehall, PA & Philadelphia, PA: July 14, 1994.

NAFTA-TAA-00532; Anchor Glass Container Corp., Keyser, WV: July 14, 1994.

NAFTA-TAA-00555; AMCO Manufacturing Corp., Adrian Div., Adrian, MI: August 7, 1994.

NAFTA-TAA-00567; Roadware Corp., Kylertown, PA: August 10, 1994.

I hereby certify that the aforementioned determinations were issued during the months of August and September, 1995. Copies of these determinations are available for inspection in Room C-4318, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210 during normal business hours or will be mailed to persons who write to the above address.

Dated: September 7, 1995.

Victor J. Trunzo,

Program Manager, Policy & Reemployment Services, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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#### Investigations Regarding Certifications of Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

Petitions have been filed with the Secretary of Labor under Section 221(a)