

notice was published in the Federal Register on July 3, 1996 (61 FR 34876).

The Department's initial denial workers were denied TAA because the "contributed importantly" group eligibility requirement of Section 222(3) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, was not met. The investigation revealed that none of the customers imported carbonless or other specialty paper products in the time period relevant to the investigation.

The petitioner claims that the Department's investigation did not evaluate imports of base sheet paper or market pulp.

Findings on reconsideration show that Boise Cascade's Vancouver mill produces pulp and base sheet paper for internal use only. The subject firm did not sell base sheet paper or pulp to its customers.

In order to determine worker eligibility, the Department must examine imports of products like or directly competitive with those articles produced at the Vancouver mill. In this case, the products produced at Vancouver were carbonless and other specialty paper products. Base sheet paper and pulp cannot be considered like or directly competitive with the end products produced and sold at the Vancouver mill.

The petitioner alleges that some competitors of Boise Cascade import the base sheet paper which is used to manufacture the carbonless and specialty paper. The source of raw materials used by Boise Cascade or its competitors to produce the finished product is irrelevant to the investigation.

The petitioner claims that the Department did not examine the general effect of increased imports on the overall domestic pulp and paper markets or methods of production involved in making and marketing of specialty grade paper. During the course of an investigation to determine worker group eligibility, the Department does not conduct an industry study, but limits its investigation to the impact of imports specific to the products produced and sold by the worker's firm.

The Trade Act was not intended to provide TAA benefits to everyone who is in some way affected by foreign competition but only to those who experienced a decline in sales or production and employment and an increase in imports of like or directly competitive products which "contributed importantly" to declines in sales or production and employment.

#### Conclusion

After reconsideration, I affirm the original notice of negative determination of eligibility to apply for adjustment assistance for workers and former workers of Boise Cascade Corporation, Vancouver, Washington.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 31st day of July 1996.

Russell T. Kile,

*Acting Program Manager, Policy and Reemployment Services, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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#### [TA-W-30, 896 & 896A]

#### **Phillips Petroleum Company, Exploration and Production Group (DBA Exploration Division and North American Production Division) (Including General Counsel) and GPM Gas Services Company, Bartlesville, Oklahoma; All Other Locations in Oklahoma; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance**

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 USC 2273) the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on May 3, 1995, applicable to all workers of Phillips Petroleum Company, Exploration and Production Group, dba Exploration Division and North American Production Division, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, all other Oklahoma locations, and other locations in various States. The notice was published in the Federal Register on May 17, 1995 (60 FR 26459). The worker certification was amended May 23, 1996 to include the General Counsel worker group, and amended again on July 3, 1996 to include the workers of GPM Gas Services Company. The notices were published in the Federal Register on June 6, 1996 (61 FR 28901), and July 23, 1996 (61 FR 38222), respectively.

At the request of petitioners, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. The GPM Gas Services Company operating at various locations in the State of Oklahoma were not explicitly cited in the certification. However, new findings show that GPM is a separate division of Phillips Petroleum Company. Employees of GPM process natural gas and extract natural gas liquids.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Phillips Petroleum adversely affected by imports of crude oil and natural gas. Accordingly, the Department is

amending the worker certification to specifically provide coverage to GPM Gas Services Company located in Bartlesville and other locations within the State of Oklahoma.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-30,896 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of Phillips Petroleum Company, Exploration and Production Group, dba Exploration Division and North American Production Division, Including General Counsel, and GPM Gas Services Company, Bartlesville, Oklahoma (TA-W-30,896), and all other locations in the State of Oklahoma, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after March 23, 1994, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 30th day of July 1996.

Russell T. Kile,

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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) of the Trade Act of 1974 ("the Act") and are identified in the Appendix to this notice. Upon receipt of these petitions, the Program Manager of the Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, has instituted investigations pursuant to Section 221 (a) of the Act.

The purpose of each of the investigations is to determine whether the workers are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Title II, Chapter 2, of the Act. The investigations will further relate, as appropriate, to the determination of the date on which total or partial separations began or threatened to begin and the subdivision of the firm involved.

The petitioners or any other persons showing a substantial interest in the subject matter of the investigations may request a public hearing, provided such request is filed in writing with the Program Manager, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address show below, not later than August 23, 1996.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the subject matter of the investigations to the Program Manager, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address