

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 5th day of May, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Investigations Regarding Certifications of Eligibility to Apply for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance

Petitions for transitional adjustment assistance under the North American Free Trade Agreement-Transitional Adjustment Assistance Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103-182), hereinafter called (NAFTA-TAA), have been filed with State Governors under Section 250(b)(1)

of Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Title II, of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, are identified in the Appendix to this Notice. Upon notice from a Governor that a NAFTA-TAA petition has been received, the Program Manager of the Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance (OTAA), Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Department of Labor (DOL), announces the filing of the petition and takes actions pursuant to paragraphs (c) and (e) of Section 250 of the Trade Act.

The purpose of the Governor's actions and the Labor Department's investigations are to determine whether the workers separated from employment of after December 8, 1993 (date of enactment of Pub. L. 103-182) are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Subchapter D of the Trade Act because of increased imports from or the shift in production to Mexico or Canada.

The petitions or any other persons showing a substantial interest in the

subject matter of the investigations may request a public hearing with the Program Manager of OTAA at the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) in Washington, D.C. provided such request is filed in writing with the Program Manager of OTAA not later than June 2, 1997.

Also, interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the subject matter of the petitions to the Program Manager of OTAA at the address shown below not later than June 7, 1997.

Petitions filed with the Governors are available for inspection at the Office of the Program Manager, OTAA, ETA, DOL, Room C-4318, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 12th day of May, 1997.

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APPENDIX

Subject firm	Location	Date received at Governor's office	Petition No.	Articles produced
Standard Products (The) (Wkrs)	Lexington, KY	03/05/97	NAFTA-1,617	Automotive weather strip.
OSRAM Sylvania (IBU)	Danvers, MA	04/16/97	NAFTA-1,618	Fluorescent lamps and reprographic.
Alof's Manufacturing (Wkrs)	Grand Rapids, MI	04/02/97	NAFTA-1,619	Automotive parts.
Damrow Gea Group (USWA)	Fond Du Lac, WI	04/10/97	NAFTA-1,620	Dairy cheese making equipment.
International Wire (Co.)	Erin, TN	04/15/97	NAFTA-1,621	Wiring harnesses.
Hillco (Wkrs)	Missoula, MI	04/15/97	NAFTA-1,622	Logger.
General Electric (IUE)	Bucyrus, OH	04/17/97	NAFTA-1,623	Trimline lamps.
Corning (AFGW)	Greenville, OH	04/17/97	NAFTA-1,624	Glass lighting products.
Allied Signal (FEIU)	Greenville, OH	04/18/97	NAFTA-1,625	Filter component parts.
Sandvik (UAW)	Warren, MI	04/14/97	NAFTA-1,626	Balls for ball point pens.
Kellogg Industries (Wkrs.)	Jackson, MI	04/18/97	NAFTA-1,627	Orthopedic soft products.
Champion Products (Co.)	Clayton, NC	04/18/97	NAFTA-1,628	Textiles.
Northwest Food Service (Wkrs)	Caldwell, ID	04/18/97	NAFTA-1,629	Food services.
Lion's Acquisition (Co.)	Gastonia, NC	04/22/97	NAFTA-1,630	Boys' suits and pants.
Cone Mills (Wkrs)	Greenboro, NC	04/23/97	NAFTA-1,631	
Amy Group (Wkrs)	York, PA	04/23/97	NAFTA-1,632	Women's clothing.
Carrier Corporation (Wkrs)	Syracuse, NY	04/23/97	NAFTA-1,633	Design and drafting.
PHP Molding (Wkrs)	McMinnville, TN	04/28/97	NAFTA-1,634	Food grinder parts.
Jos J. Pietrafesa (Wkrs)	Sturgis, KY	04/15/97	NAFTA-1,635	Men and women tailored clothing.
Union Oil Company of California (Wkrs) ..	Arroyo Grande, CA	04/28/97	NAFTA-1,636	Oil.
Mundet Hermetite (Wkrs)	Buena Vista, VA	04/23/97	NAFTA-1,637	Cigarette tipping perforated machines.
Nissan Motor (Wkrs)	Gardena, CA	04/28/97	NAFTA-1,638	Cars, trucks and parts.
National Starch and Chemical (Co.)	Plainfield, NJ	04/30/97	NAFTA-1,639	Adhesives.
Renee Jabbour (Co.)	Allentown, PA	05/01/97	NAFTA-1,640	Knit outerwear.
Champion Products (Wkrs)	Perry, NY	05/05/97	NAFTA-1,641	Athletic apparel.
Genlyte Group (Wkrs)	Cameron, WV	04/22/97	NAFTA-1,642	Lighting fixtures.
Vision Technologies (Wkrs)	Iron Ridge, WI	05/05/97	NAFTA-1,643	Personal computers.
Rockwood Sportswear (Wkrs)	Rockwood, TN	04/23/97	NAFTA-1,644	Leather and wool coats.
Coats American (Co.)	Rossville, GA	05/07/97	NAFTA-1,645	Coats.
Coats North America (Co.)	Cleveland, GA	05/07/97	NAFTA-1,646	Zippers.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; 30 CFR 77.1101, Escape and Evacuation Plans

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection related to Escape and Evacuation Plans for surface coal mines and surface work areas of underground coal mines. MSHA is particularly interested in comments which:

- * evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- * evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- * enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- * minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the employee listed in the

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this notice.

DATES: Submit comments on or before July 21, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to Patricia W. Silvey, Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 627, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on a computer disk, or via E-mail to psilvey@msha.gov, along with an original printed copy.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George M. Fesak, Director, Office of Program Evaluation and Information Resources, U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 715, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Mr. Fesak can be reached at gfesak@msha.gov (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-8378 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 77.1101(a) requires operators of surface coal mines and surface work areas of underground coal mines to establish and keep current a specific escape and evacuation plan to be followed in the event of a fire.

Section 77.1101(c) requires escape and evacuation plans to include the designation and proper maintenance of an adequate means for exiting areas where persons are required to work or travel including buildings, equipment, and areas where persons normally congregate during the work shift.

Section 77.1101(b) requires that all employees be instructed in current escape and evacuation plans, fire alarm signals, and applicable procedures to be followed in case of fire. The training and record keeping requirements associated with this standard are addressed under OMB No. 1219-0070 (Certificate of Training).

While escape and evacuation plans are not subject to approval by MSHA district managers, MSHA inspectors evaluate the adequacy of the plans during their inspections of surface coal mines and surface work areas of underground coal mines.

II. Current Actions

MSHA proposes to continue the information collection requirement related to escape and evacuation plans for surface coal mines and surface work areas of underground coal mines for an additional 3 years. MSHA believes that eliminating this requirement would expose miners to unnecessary risk of injury or death should a fire occur at or near their work location.

Type of Review: Extension.
Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Escape and Evacuation Plans.

Recordkeeping: Indefinite.

OMB Number: 1219-0051.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions.

Cite/Reference/Form/etc.: 30 CFR 77.1101.

Total Respondents: 401.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 401.

Average Time per Response: 4.8 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1,930 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Cost: \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 14, 1997.

George M. Fesak,

Director, Program Evaluation and Information Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

98th Official Meeting of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plans; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, a public meeting will be held June 13, 1997 of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans.

The 98th session of the full ERISA Advisory Council will take place in Room N-5437 A&B, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Second and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20210. The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 1:00 p.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m., is to inform the full ERISA Advisory Council of the progress the Council's three working groups are making on the topics they are studying this year. Members also will be given an update of activities in the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to any topic concerning ERISA by submitting 20 copies on or before June 6, 1997, to Sharon Morrissey, Executive