

The OMB 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;
- Enhanced 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 submission of responses.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Contribution Operations.

OMB Number: 1205-0178 (extension).

Frequency: Quarterly.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 53 respondents.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 8 hours.

Total Burden Hours: 1,696.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs:

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): 0.

Description: This information collections provides quarterly data on State agencies' volume and performance in wage processing, number and promptness of liable employer registration, number delinquent in filing contribution reports, number and extent of tax delinquency and results of field audit program.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Fire Protection (Underground Coal Mines) (reinstatement, no change).

OMB Number: 1219-0054.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1,117.

Number of Responses: 332,852.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 85,292.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$1,880.00.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): 0

Description: This provision requires that a Mine Safety and Health Administration approved program for the instruction of miners in fire fighting and evacuation procedures be adopted by the mine operator; fire extinguishers be examined every 6 months and that fire drills be conducted every 90 days; automatic fire sensors and warning device systems be examined weekly and tested annually; and that fire hydrants and hoses be tested at least once a year.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

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Allied Signal Incorporated Parsippany, New Jersey; Notice of Revised Determination on Reconsideration

On May 15, 1997, the Department issued an Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration for the workers and former workers of the subject firm. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on May 29, 1997 (62 FR 29151).

The workers were denied eligibility to apply for trade adjustment assistance because the "contributed importantly" test of the Group Eligibility Requirements of the Trade Act was not met based on results from a customer survey.

In a letter dated April 11, 1997, a company official requested administrative reconsideration of the Department's Notice of Negative Determination for workers of the subject firm, alleging that customers are importing articles that are "like or directly competitive" with articles produced by Allied Signal.

To investigate this claim, the Department conducted a survey the subject firm's major customer. New findings on reconsideration show that this customer is relying on imported amorphous metal strips which are directly competitive with the product produced at the Parsippany, New Jersey plant of Allied Signal.

Conclusion

After careful consideration of the new facts obtained on reconsideration, it is concluded that the workers of Allied Signal Incorporated in Parsippany, New Jersey were adversely affected by increased imports of articles like or directly competitive with amorphous

metal strips produced at the subject firm.

All workers of Allied Signal Incorporated in Parsippany, New Jersey engaged in employment related to the production of amorphous metal strips, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after January 27, 1996 are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 24th day of June 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 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 petitioners or any other persons showing a substantial interest in the subject matter of the investigations may be 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 July 21, 1997.