

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training
Administration**

[TA-W-34,991]

**Sappi Fine Papers North America, Inc.,
Westbrook, Maine, Including Leased
Workers of Manpower Technical
Temporary Services, Portland, ME;
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 December 2, 1999, applicable to workers of Sappi Fine Papers North America, Inc. located in Westbrook, Maine. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on December 23, 1998 (64 FR 71165).

At the request of the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. The workers produce coated graphic freesheet and speciality paper. New information provided by the company shows that some workers of Sappi Fine Papers were leased from Manpower Technical Temporary Services, Portland, Maine. The leased workers provided computer support services to the Westbrook, Maine location of Sappi Fine Papers North America, Inc. Worker separations occurred at Manpower Technical Temporary Services as a result of worker separations at Sappi Fine Papers North America, Inc. Accordingly, the Department is amending the workers certification to include the workers of Manpower Technical Temporary Services, Portland, Maine.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Sappi Fine Papers North America, Inc. adversely affected by imports.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-34,991 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of Sappi Fine Papers North America, Inc., Westbrook, Maine and leased workers of Manpower Technical Temporary Services, Portland, Maine that provided computer support services for the production of coated graphic freesheet and speciality paper for Sappi Fine Papers North America, Inc., Westbrook, Maine who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after September 9, 1997 through December 2, 2000 are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 3d day of November, 1999.

Grant D. Beale,*Program Manager, Office of Trade
Adjustment Assistance.*

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training
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[TA-W-36,577]

**Statoil Exploration (US) Inc. Houston,
TX; Notice of Revised Determination
on Reopening**

By letter of October 5, 1999, the petitioner presented evidence not previously considered in the Department's determination. Accordingly, the Department reopened the petition investigation applicable to workers of the subject firm.

The initial investigation resulted in a negative determination issued on September 7, 1999, based on the finding that workers of Statoil Exploration (US), Inc., Houston, Texas, were not engaged in exploration or production of crude oil and natural gas for U.S. customers. The denial notice was published in the **Federal Register** on October 14, 1999 (64 FR 55750).

On reopening, an official of Statoil provided additional information regarding revenues, employment and customers of the subject firm. Revenues at the subject firm derived from the exploration for crude oil and natural gas have declined since 1997. The level of employment remained unchanged from 1997 to 1998, but declined in 1999. Other new findings on reopening revealed that although the workers at the subject firm worked offshore in the Gulf of Mexico, the customers of the subject firm were domestic. Many of the subject firm's declining customers engaged in the production of crude oil have been certified eligible for FAA in the relevant time period.

Conclusion

After careful review of the additional facts obtained on reopening, I conclude that increased imports of crude oil contributed importantly to the declines in sales or production and to the total or partial separation of workers of Statoil Exploration (US), Inc., Houston, Texas. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, I make the following certification:

All workers of Statoil Exploration (US), Inc., Houston, Texas, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or

after July 7, 1998 through two years from the date of this certification are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 4th day of November 1999.

Grant D. Beale,*Program Manager, Office of Trade
Adjustment Assistance.*

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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 (P.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 Director 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 action 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 on or after December 8, 1993 (date of enactment of P.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 request a public hearing with the Director of OTAA at the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) in Washington, D.C. provided such request if filed in writing with the Director of OTAA not later than November 26, 1999.

Also, interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the subject matter of the petitions to the Director of OTAA at the address shown below not later than November 26, 1999.

Petitions filed with the Governors are available for inspection at the Office of the Director, OTAA, ETA, DOL, Room