

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training Administration**

[TA-W-39,313]

Lynn Electronics, Feasterville, PA; Notice of Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration

By application dated August 1, 2001, a petitioner requested administrative reconsideration of the Department's negative determination regarding eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA), applicable to workers and former workers of the subject firm. The denial notice was signed on July 9, 2001, and published in the **Federal Register** on July 26, 2001 (66 FR 39055).

Petitioner provides evidence that further survey is warranted regarding customer purchases of communications wire products.

Conclusion

After careful review of the application, I conclude that the claim is of sufficient weight to justify reconsideration of the Department of Labor's prior decision. The application is, therefore, granted.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 5th day of September 2001.

Edward A. Tomchick,

Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training Administration**

[TA-W-39,055]

Newport Steel Corporation, Newport, KY; Notice of Negative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration

By applications dated June 12, 2001, and June 17, 2001, the United Steelworkers of America, District 8, Local 1970 (USWA) and a former employee of the plant, requested administrative reconsideration of the Department's negative determination regarding eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA), applicable to workers and former workers of the subject firm. The denial notice was signed May 8, 2001, and was published in the **Federal Register** on May 23, 2001 (66 FR 28553).

Pursuant to 29 CFR 90.18(c) reconsideration may be granted under the following circumstances:

(1) If it appears on the basis of facts not previously considered that the determination complained of was erroneous;

(2) If it appears that the determination complained of was based on a mistake in the determination of facts not previously considered; or

(3) If in the opinion of the Certifying Officer, a misinterpretation of facts or of the law justified reconsideration of the decision.

The denial of TAA for workers engaged in activities related to the production of steel pipe at Newport Steel Corporation, Newport, Kentucky, was based on the finding that the "contributed importantly" criterion of the group eligibility requirements of Section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974 was not met. Layoffs at the subject firm were related to outsourcing the raw material (steel coils) from domestic suppliers used to produce the steel pipe produced at the plant.

The USWA states that the subject firm was producing as much steel coil as possible for use in their pipe mill and only purchased steel coils from outside sources when supplies could not meet demand from the pipe mill. In 1999, Newport Steel installed a "super furnace" to boost production and lower costs. The USWA states that currently it costs less for the subject firm to purchase steel coils from outside vendors than to produce on-site. The USWA adds that the illegal dumping of steel caused the loss of over 200 jobs in the Newport, Kentucky plant. Also attached to the request for reconsideration were documents from the American Iron and Steel Institute, which included March 2001 trade data for steel mill products and a June 12, 2001, press release regarding April 2001 U.S. shipments of steel.

Review of the investigation record shows that during 1999, 2000, and in January through March 2001, Newport Steel Corporation, did not purchase from any foreign sources articles like or directly competitive with those produced at the Newport, Kentucky plant. Furthermore, as to steel dumping and aggregate steel mill products data, the Department of Labor's worker petition investigation is conducted with respect to articles like or directly competitive with those produced at the workers' firm, not on aggregate products company-wide or industry-wide that are not like or directly competitive with the product of the subject firm.

Conclusion

After review of the application and investigative findings, I conclude that there has been no error or misinterpretation of the law or of the facts which would justify reconsideration of the Department of Labor's prior decisions. Accordingly, the application is denied.

Signed at Washington, DC this 5th day of September 2001.

Edward A. Tomchick,

Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training Administration**

[TA-W-39,485]

Senior Automotive, Bartlett, IL; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, an investigation was initiated on June 25, 2001 in response to a worker petition filed by a company official on behalf of workers at Senior Automotive, Bartlett, Illinois.

The petitioner has requested that the petition be withdrawn. Consequently further investigation in this case would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 31st day of August, 2001.

Edward A. Tomchick,

Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training Administration****Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

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 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 Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of collection of information for the Quantum Opportunity Program. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee's section below on or before November 20, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Eileen Pederson, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration/Office of Policy and Research, Rm. N-5637, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, 202/693-3647 (this is not a toll-free number), epederson@doleta.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Quantum Opportunity Program (QOP) Demonstration was jointly sponsored by the Ford Foundation and the Department of Labor, with support from the Department of Justice, to test a promising program to help academically at-risk youth prepare for long-term, stable employment. The demonstration targeted academically at-risk youth in schools with significant dropout rates in seven urban and rural cities. The youth enrolled in high school in 1995 (youth in one site enrolled in 1996) and were randomly assigned to either the control group or the treatment group, with the youth in the latter group able to participate in the program throughout high school. The primary focus of the program was to keep them in school through high school graduation and help them take the necessary steps for more advanced training or education. Specific services included intensive educational, life skills, and community services activities and support from an adult mentor.

ETA awarded a contract to Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. to conduct a net impact evaluation of the program. The evaluation currently will measure high school performance and completion, post-secondary enrollment and criminal and anti-social behavior up to five months after scheduled high school graduation. The evaluation will also analyze the benefits to society compared to the program's cost. This information collection was approved

under OMB No. 1205-0397, which is due to expire on November 30, 2001. This request is for an extension of the previously granted OMB clearance to collect data beyond the current expiration date of the clearance. The extension is necessary to collect data approximately 72 months after random assignment of the youth.

The data will be used to examine the effects of this program on participants' outcomes six years after random assignment into QOP. Mathematica will also assess the subsequent outcomes of comparable youth randomly assigned to the control group. This additional data collection will offer supporting evidence in ETA's quest to "ensure that our youth workforce training programs have a strong educational component, since income and opportunities increase exponentially with education credentials."

II. Review Focus

The Department of Labor 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.

III. Current Actions

This is a request for OMB approval of an extension of an existing information collection for the QOP Demonstration funded by the Department of Labor with support from the Department of Justice. Information in the form of the previously approved follow-up phone or in-person survey will be collected from all youth in the research sample approximately 72 months following their initial assignment to the program or control groups. The survey data will be utilized to analyze the impact of the QOP on participants' outcomes including education and training, employment, earnings, public assistance

participation, childbearing, and other behaviors and activities.

The findings will be directly relevant for the future development of employment and training policy for youth.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Quantum Opportunity Program Demonstration Follow-up Survey.

OMB Number: 1205-0397.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Cite/Reference/Form/etc.: Quantum Opportunity Program Demonstration Evaluation follow-up survey.

Total Respondents: 1,074.

Frequency: Once (during period of extension, total of 2 times).

Total Responses: 860 (during period of extension).

Average Time per Response: 20 minutes (during extension).

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 287 hours (during extension).

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request 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: September 14, 2001.

Gerard F. Fiala,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-4902]

American Lumber Company; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Title V of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Pub. 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 of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2273), an investigation was initiated on May 18, 2001 in response to a petition filed by a company official on behalf of workers at American Lumber Company, Union City and Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

The petitioner has requested that the petition be withdrawn. Consequently,