

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment And Training Administration

[TA-W-52,774]

Weyerhaeuser Company, North Bend, Oregon; Notice of Negative Determination on Reconsideration

On November 19, 2003, 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 January 2, 2004 (69 FR 117).

The Department denied Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) to workers of the subject firm because imports did not "contribute importantly" and a shift of production relating to the eligibility requirements of section 222(3) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, were not met. The workers produced corrugated medium. The investigation revealed neither significant increased imports of corrugated medium nor a shift of production abroad.

The petitioner requested reconsideration of the negative determination regarding both TAA and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (ATAA). In the request for reconsideration, the petitioner alleges that workers' separations were caused by the increased imports of corrugated boxes and containerboard, the shift of production abroad, and the decreased need for packaging and shipping material due to the general shift of production of goods abroad. Workers at the subject firm as already indicated produced corrugated medium.

The petitioner alleges that increased imports of corrugated boxes and containerboard have reduced the need for corrugated medium. Corrugated boxes and containerboard are not "like or directly competitive" with the articles produced by the subject firm (corrugated medium). Corrugated medium is a component of containerboard and corrugated boxes. Corrugated medium is a fluted paper product used to make containerboard. Containerboard consists of a sheet of corrugated medium pressed between two sheets of flat paper. Pieces of containerboard are cut and assembled into corrugated boxes. Therefore, the imports of corrugated boxes and containerboard are not relevant in meeting the eligibility requirement of section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

Following the issuance of the Affirmative Determination Regarding

Application for Reconsideration, the Department contacted the company to determine whether the subject company had increased import purchases of corrugated medium or shifted production abroad. The investigation revealed that the amount of corrugated medium imported was minimal and that the corrugated medium at issue was actually part of corrugated boxes that were used to ship other products.

The investigation also revealed that while the subject company has facilities outside the United States, the subject company did not shift production of corrugated medium abroad, but did shift production domestically in August 2003.

The alleged decreased need for packaging and shipping materials caused by decreased domestic production of goods due to overall shifts of production of goods abroad was not investigated because the decreased production of corrugated medium was not related to either increased imports of the same or like and directly competitive product or a shift of production abroad.

While the petitioner requested reconsideration regarding ATAA, the Department did not investigate whether the workers are eligible for this benefit since they are not eligible for TAA.

Conclusion

After reconsideration, I affirm the original notice of negative determination of eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance for workers and former workers of Weyerhaeuser Company, North Bend, Oregon.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 30th day of January, 2004.

Elliott S. Kushner,
Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Revised Schedule of Remuneration for the UCX Program

Under section 8521(a)(2) of Title 5 of the United States Code, the Secretary of Labor is required to issue a Schedule of Remuneration specifying the pay and allowances for each pay grade of members of the military services. The schedules are used to calculate the base period wages and benefits payable under the program of Unemployment

Compensation for Ex-servicemembers (UCX Program).

The revised schedule published with this Notice reflects increases in military pay and allowances, which are effective in January 2004.

Accordingly, the following new Schedule of Remuneration, issued pursuant to 20 CFR 614.12(c), applies to "first claims" for UCX, which are effective beginning with the first day of the first week that begins on or after January 4, 2004.

Pay grade	Monthly wage rate
(1) Commissioned Officers:	
0-10	\$15,084
0-9	14,670
0-8	13,539
0-7	12,283
0-6	10,576
0-5	8,911
0-4	7,561
0-3	5,966
0-2	4,717
0-1	3,575
(2) Commissioned Officers With Over 4 Years Active Duty As An Enlisted Member Or Warrant Officer:	
0-3E	\$6,877
0-2E	5,627
0-1E	4,788
(3) Warrant Officers:	
W-5	\$7,838
W-4	6,963
W-3	5,883
W-2	5,110
W-1	4,249
(4) Enlisted Personnel:	
E-9	\$6,706
E-8	5,577
E-7	4,904
E-6	4,238
E-5	3,502
E-4	2,888
E-3	2,577
E-2	2,429
E-1	2,180

The publication of this new Schedule of Remuneration does not revoke any prior schedule or change the period of time any prior schedule was in effect.

Signed at Washington, DC, on February 4, 2004.

Emily Stover DeRocco,
Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards 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 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 Employment Standards Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection: Notice of Law Enforcement Officer's Injury or Occupational Disease (CA-721) and Notice of Law Enforcement Officer's Death (CA-722). A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addresses section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before April 12, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Ms. Hazel M. Bell, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave. NW., Room S-3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-0418, fax (202) 693-1451, e-mail bell.hazel@dol.gov. Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or e-mail).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) administers the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA). The Act provides that non-Federal law enforcement officers and/or their survivors injured or killed under certain circumstances are entitled to benefits of the Act to the same extent as employees in the Federal government. The Notice of Law Enforcement Officer's Injury or Occupational Disease (CA-721) and the Notice of Law Enforcement Officer's Death (CA-722) are the forms used by non-Federal law enforcement officers and their survivors to claim compensation under FECA. This information collection is currently approved for use through August 31, 2004.

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

The Department of Labor seeks the extension of approval to collect this information to determine eligibility for benefits.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Notice of Law Enforcement Officer's Injury or Occupational Disease (CA-721), Notice of Law Enforcement Officer's Death (CA-722).

OMB Number: 1215-0116.

Agency Number: CA-721 and CA-722.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households; Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Total Respondents: 23.

Total Annual Responses: 23.

Average Time per Response: 60 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 31.

Frequency: On occasion.

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

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$220.00.

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: February 4, 2004.

Bruce Bohanon,

Chief, Branch of Management Review and Internal Control, Division of Financial Management, Office of Management, Administration and Planning, Employment Standards Administration.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATES: Weeks of February 9, 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, 2004.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of February 9, 2004

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of February 9, 2004.

Week of February 16, 2004—Tentative
Wednesday, February 18, 2004

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Status of Office of Chief Financial Officer Programs, Performance, and Plans (Public Meeting) (Contact: Edward L. New, 301-415-5646).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—www.nrc.gov.

Week of February 23, 2004—Tentative
Wednesday, February 25, 2004

9 a.m. Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1).

Thursday, February 26, 2004

9:30 a.m. Meeting with UK Regulators to Discuss Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1).

1:30 p.m. Status of Davis Besse Lessons Learned Task Force Issues (Public Meeting) (Contact: Brendan Moroney, 301-415-3974).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—www.nrc.gov.

Week of March 1, 2004—Tentative
Tuesday, March 2, 2004

9:30 a.m. Meeting with Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes (ACMUI) & NRC Staff (Public Meeting) (Contact: Angela Williamson, 301-415-5030).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—www.nrc.gov.