

## APPENDIX—Continued

[Petitions Instituted Between 07/01/2004 and 07/16/2004]

TA-W	Subject firm (petitioner)	Location	Date of institution	Date of petition
55,267 .....	Alltrista Consumer Products (Comp) .....	Cloquet, MN .....	07/16/2004	06/29/2004
55,268 .....	Takane U.S.A. (CA) .....	Torrance, CA .....	07/16/2004	07/14/2004

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training Administration**

[TA-W-54,635]

**Westside Stitching, Inc., West Wyoming, PA; Notice of Negative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration**

By application of July 12, 2004, a company official 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 June 16, 2004, and published in the **Federal Register** on July 7, 2004 (69 FR 40983).

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 petition for the workers of Westside Stitching, Inc., West Wyoming, Pennsylvania engaged in production of motion furniture was denied because the "contributed importantly" group eligibility requirement of Section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, was not met. The "contributed importantly" test is generally demonstrated through a survey of the workers' firm's customers. The survey revealed no increase of imports of motion furniture during the relevant period. The subject firm did not import motion furniture in the relevant period nor did it shift production to a foreign country.

The petitioner alleges that the subject firm lost its business due to its major customer importing products from China.

This customer was surveyed by the Department during the original investigation. A review of the survey confirmed no import purchases of motion furniture during the relevant period.

The petitioner further states that the subject firm manufactures only motion furniture, excluding any lift mechanisms, and that the subject firm's customers started importing a lift mechanism, a component to the motion furniture. The petitioner concludes that, because the production of lift mechanisms occurs abroad, the subject firm workers producing motion furniture are import impacted.

In order to establish import impact, the Department must consider imports that are like or directly competitive with those produced at the subject firm. The Department conducted a survey of the subject firm's major declining customer regarding their purchases of motion furniture. The survey revealed that the declining customers did not import motion furniture during the relevant period.

**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 decision. Accordingly, the application is denied.

Signed at Washington, DC this 3rd day of August, 2004.

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training Administration**

[TA-W-54,636]

**Wyoming Wood Products, Inc., West Wyoming, PA; Dismissal of Application for Reconsideration**

Pursuant to 29 CFR 90.18(C) an application for administrative reconsideration was filed with the Director of the Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance for workers at Wyoming Wood Products, Inc., West Wyoming, Pennsylvania. The application contained no new substantial information which would bear importantly on the Department's determination. Therefore, dismissal of the application was issued.

*TA-W-54, 636; Wyoming Wood Products, Inc., West Wyoming, Pennsylvania (August 4, 2004).*

Signed at Washington, DC this 4th day of August, 2004.

**Timothy Sullivan,***Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training Administration****Proposed Information Collection Request; Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Job Corps Placement Verification and Follow-up of Job Corps Participants****ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance 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. The national office of Job Corps is soliciting comments concerning the extension of the Job Corps' Graduate and Former Enrollee Placement Re-Verification and Follow-up Surveys.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before October 12, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Chris Conboy, U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Job Corps, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., N-4463, Washington, DC 20210. E-Mail Internet Address: [conboy.chris@dol.gov](mailto:conboy.chris@dol.gov). Telephone number: (202) 693-3000. Fax number: (202) 693-2767.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chris Conboy, U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Job Corps, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., N-4463, Washington, DC 20210. E-Mail Internet Address: [conboy.chris@dol.gov](mailto:conboy.chris@dol.gov). Telephone number: (202) 693-3000. Fax number: (202) 693-2767.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

Job Corps is the nation's largest and most comprehensive residential education and job training program for at-risk youth, ages 16 through 24. Program participants are typically high school dropouts in need of further education and vocational training. Authorized by the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998, Job Corps is operated by the Department of Labor through a nationwide network of 118 Job Corps centers. The program is primarily residential, operating 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, with non-resident students limited by legislation to 20 percent of national enrollment. These centers presently accommodate more than 42,000 students. While students may stay in Job Corps up to two years to complete their programs, the average length of stay is eight months. Thus, more than 68,000 young people receive training in Job Corps in a year.

When they separate from Job Corps, youth are prepared to pursue employment opportunities related to their Job Corps training, post-secondary educational and training experiences, or enter the Armed Forces. The purpose of this data collection effort is to provide

the national office of Job Corps with information on the status of Job Corps students after they separate from the program. Information will be collected on the status of placed graduates 13 weeks, 6 months, and 12 months after their initial placement in a job or school/training program. Similar information will also be collected on the status of former enrollees (non-graduates who stayed at least 60 days) 13 weeks after they separate from Job Corps. This data collection effort also includes re-verification of reported initial employment and/or school placements of graduates and former enrollees. These data will be used to:

- Provide information to Congress and the Secretary of Labor on the employment and education outcomes of Job Corps graduates and former enrollees per WIA reporting requirements.
- Assess graduates' and former enrollees' satisfaction with their Job Corps experience in order to identify useful program aspects and those factors that contributed to decisions to withdraw from the program prior to graduation, where applicable.

Information to fulfill these objectives will be collected using telephone surveys. These telephone surveys will be conducted with graduates and former enrollees at the aforementioned times.

The Secretary of Labor will use the data collected to assess Job Corps' effectiveness in meeting its objectives according to WIA. In addition, the national director of Job Corps will incorporate the data into its Outcome Measurement System to evaluate the short-term post-center outcomes of graduates and former enrollees, as well as the long-term post-center outcomes of graduates. The director will also use this information on student outcomes and customer feedback to develop and/or refine policies in order to improve its delivery of educational and job training services to at-risk youth.

**II. Desired Focus of Comments**

Currently, the Office of Job Corps is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the Job Corps Placement Verification and Follow-up of Job Corps Participants:

- 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 agency's burden estimates for the proposed data collection, 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 (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

**III. Current Actions**

This submission requests approval of three surveys that will be used to collect follow-up data on individuals who are no longer actively participating in Job Corps. The surveys are composed of modules that include questions designed to obtain the following information: re-verification of initial job and/or school placements; employment and educational experiences; job search activities of those who are neither working nor in school; and information about former participants' satisfaction with the services provided by Job Corps.

Additionally, this submission requests approval of two brief surveys (one for employers and one for schools or training institutions) that will be used to collect initial placement re-verification data for the subset of placed graduates and former enrollees that cannot be contacted directly.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Office of Job Corps.

*Title:* Job Corps' Graduate and Former Enrollee Placement Re-Verification and Follow-up Surveys.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0426.

*Recordkeeping:* The respondent is not required to retain records; Career Transition Service providers and center staff are required to retain records of graduates and former enrollees, who are placed in a job, further education or military service, for three years.

*Affected Public:* Individuals who separate from Job Corps; business or other for-profit/not-for-profit institutions.

*Cite/Reference/Form/etc:* 20 CFR, Subpart A, Section 670.100.

*See Burden Summary Below:*

Respondent category	Number of responses	Estimated hours per response	Estimated hours total burden
Placed Former Enrollees at 90 days .....	1,815	.25	454
Placed Graduates at 90–120 days .....	22,720	.25	5,680
Placed Graduates at 6 Months .....	23,360	.20	4,672
Placed Graduates at 12 Months .....	21,440	.20	4,288
Employer/Institution Re-verification .....	8,172	.17	1,389
Total .....	77,507	.....	16,483

*Total Burden Hours:* 16,483.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* 0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):* \$2,908,443.

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: August 4, 2004.

**Grace Kilbane,**

*Office of Job Corps, Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Health Standards for Diesel Particulates (Underground Metal and Nonmetal Mines)

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a pre-clearance 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 extension of the information collection related to the 30 CFR 57.5060, 57.5066, 57.5070, 57.5071, and 57.5075—Health Standards for Diesel Particulates (Underground Metal and Nonmetal Mines).

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before October 12, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Melissa Stoehr, Acting Chief, Records Management Branch, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2134, Arlington, VA 22209–3939. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on computer disk, or via E-mail to [stoehr.melissa@dol.gov](mailto:stoehr.melissa@dol.gov). Ms. Stoehr can be reached at (202) 693–9827 (voice), or (202) 693–9801 (facsimile).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Contact the employee listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Background

These sections require mine operators to take certain actions to limit the concentration of diesel particulate matter (DPM) to which metal and nonmetal miners are exposed in underground areas of a mine where miners normally work or travel. If a mine has technological constraints in meeting this time requirement, then the mine operator can file a special extension application after January 19, 2006, under § 57.5060(c). Section 57.5071 requires mine operators to sample the air as often as necessary to determine that DPM concentrations do not exceed the limit. Also under this section, if a mine environment is above the DPM concentration limit, mine operators will have to take corrective actions and post the corrective actions taken. Mine operators must also provide adequate respiratory protection to overexposed miners and enroll them in a respiratory protection program until engineering and administrative controls are shown to be effective in limiting the DPM levels to the concentration limit.

Mine operators must also take certain actions to ensure that diesel-powered equipment is maintained and operated in a manner that will limit DPM exposures. Section 57.5066(b) requires mine operators to tag diesel-powered equipment at any time there is any apparent emission-related defect in the equipment. Each time that there is an emission related problem on a diesel-powered machine and the machine is tagged, there also must be a record made

of the equipment tagged. For each diesel machine that has been tagged, an examination must be conducted concerning the tagged equipment and a record must be made of the examination. Section 57.5066(c) requires operators to assure that miners performing emissions-related maintenance have adequate training or experience concerning the maintenance of diesel powered equipment.

And, all miners at a mine who reasonably can expect to be exposed to diesel emissions on mine property must receive annual training in accordance with § 57.5070(a)(1) through (a)(4).

#### II. Desired Focus of Comments

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, or viewed on the Internet by accessing the MSHA home page (<http://www.msha.gov>) and then choosing "Statutory and Regulatory Information" and "Federal Register Documents."

#### III. Current Actions

Under 30 CFR 57.5060, 57.5066, 57.5070, 57.5071, and 57.5075.

*Type of Review:* Extension.