Conclusion

After careful review of the additional facts obtained on reconsideration, I determine that workers of the subject firm, who are engaged in employment related to the supply of forest product services, meet the worker group certification criteria under Section 222(a) of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2227(a). In accordance with Section 223 of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2273, I make the following certification:

“All workers of Sojitz Corporation of America, a subsidiary of Sojitz Corporation, Forest Products Department, Seattle, Washington, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after March 15, 2009, through two years from the date of this revised certification, and all workers in the group threatened with total or partial separation from employment on date of certification through two years from the date of certification, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Chapter 2 of Title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.”

Signed in Washington, DC, this 3rd day of December, 2010.

Del Min Amy Chen,
Certifying Officer, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Notice of Final Decision

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) hereby gives notice that it is expanding recognition of MET Laboratories, Inc. (MET) as an NRTL. MET’s expansion covers the use of additional test standards. OSHA’s current scope of recognition for MET is in the following informational Web page: http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/met.html.

OSHA recognition of an NRTL signifies that the organization has met the legal requirements specified in 29 CFR 1910.7. Recognition is an acknowledgment that the organization can perform independent safety testing and certification of the specific products covered within its scope of recognition, and is not a delegation or grant of government authority. As a result of recognition, employers may use products approved by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require product testing and certification.

The Agency processes applications by an NRTL for initial recognition, or for expansion or renewal of this recognition, following requirements in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. This appendix requires that the Agency publish two notices in the Federal Register in processing such an application. In the first notice, OSHA announces the application and provides its preliminary finding and, in the second notice, the Agency provides its final decision on the application. These notices set forth the NRTL’s scope of recognition or modifications of that scope. OSHA maintains an informational Web page for each NRTL that details its scope of recognition. These pages are available from the Web site at http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html. Each NRTL’s scope of recognition has three elements: (1) The type of products the NRTL may test, with each type specified by its applicable test standard; (2) the recognized site(s) that has/have the technical capability to perform the testing and certification activities for test standards within the NRTL’s scope; and (3) the supplemental program(s) that the NRTL may use, each of which allows the NRTL to rely on other parties to perform activities necessary for product testing and certification.

MET submitted two applications, dated October 6 and November 3, 2008, to expand its recognition to include 18 additional test standards. (Exs. 2 and 3—MET expansion applications dated 10/6/2008 and 11/3/2008.) The NRTL Program staff determined that these standards are “appropriate test
standards” within the meaning of 29 CFR 1910.7(c). In connection with this request, NRTL Program staff did not perform any on-site review of MET’s recognized site. The staff only performed a comparability analysis, and recommended expansion of MET’s recognition to include the 12 test standards listed below. The Agency published a preliminary notice announcing the expansion application in the Federal Register on July 28, 2010 (75 FR 44289). OSHA requested comments on the notice by August 12, 2010; OSHA received no comments in response to this notice. OSHA now is proceeding with this final notice to grant MET’s expansion application. All public documents pertaining to the MET application are available for review by contacting the Docket Office, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N–2625, Washington, DC 20210. These materials also are available online at http://www.regulations.gov under Docket No. OSHA–2006–0028.

Final Decision and Order

NRTL Program staff examined MET’s application, the comparability analysis, and other pertinent information. Based on this examination and the analysis, OSHA finds that MET meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of its recognition, subject to the limitation and conditions specified below. Pursuant to the authority granted by 29 CFR 1910.7, OSHA hereby expands the recognition of MET, subject to this limitation and these conditions.

Limitation

OSHA limits the expansion of MET’s recognition to testing and certification of products for demonstration of conformance to the following test standards, each of which OSHA determines is an appropriate test standard within the meaning of 29 CFR 1910.7(c):

- UL 244A Solid State Controls for Appliances
- UL 412 Refrigeration Unit Coolers
- UL 458 Power Converters/Inverters and Power Converter/Inverter Systems for Land Vehicles and Marine Crafts
- UL 466 Electric Scales
- UL 561 Floor-Finishing Machines
- UL 1230 Amateur Movie Lights
- UL 1270 Movable and Wall or Ceiling Hung Electric Room Heaters
- UL 1594 Sewing and Cutting Machines Accessories
- UL 1795 Hydromassage Bathtubs
- UL 1951 Electric Plumbing
- UL 1996 Electric Duct Heaters
- UL 244A Solid State Controls for Recreational Vehicles
- UL 2556 Marine Crafts
- UL 2600 Marine Electric Systems for Land Vehicles and Power Converter/Inverter
- UL 4060 Entertainment Recreational Vehicles and Mobile Homes
- UL 412 Refrigeration Unit Coolers
- UL 458 Power Converters/Inverters
- UL 466 Electric Scales
- UL 568 Marine Electric Equipment
- UL 1594 Sewing and Cutting Machines Accessories
- UL 1795 Hydromassage Bathtubs
- UL 1951 Electric Plumbing
- UL 1996 Electric Duct Heaters
- UL 244A Solid State Controls for Recreational Vehicles
- UL 2556 Marine Crafts
- UL 2600 Marine Electric Systems for Land Vehicles
- UL 2854 Electric Room Heaters

*OSHA approves this standard for testing and certification of products for use within recreational vehicles and mobile homes. The designations and titles of these test standards were current at the time of the preparation of this notice. OSHA limits recognition of any NRTL for a particular test standard to equipment or materials (i.e., products) for which OSHA standards require third-party testing and certification before use of the product in the workplace. Consequently, if a test standard also covers any product for which OSHA does not require such testing and certification, an NRTL’s scope of recognition does not include that product.

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) may approve the test standards listed above as American National Standards. However, for convenience, we may use the designation of the standards-developing organization for the standard as opposed to the ANSI designation. Under the NRTL Program’s policy (see OSHA Instruction CPL 1–0.3, Appendix C, paragraph XIV), any NRTL recognized for a particular test standard may use either the proprietary version of the test standard or the ANSI version of that standard. Contact ANSI to determine whether a test standard is currently ANSI-approved.

Conditions

MET must abide by the following conditions of the recognition, in addition to those conditions already required by 29 CFR 1910.7:

1. MET must allow access to its facilities and records to ascertain continuing compliance with the terms of its recognition, and to perform investigations as OSHA deems necessary;
2. If MET has reason to doubt the efficacy of any test standard it is using under this program, it must promptly inform the test standard-developing organization of this concern, and provide that organization with appropriate relevant information upon which it bases its concern;
3. MET must not engage in, or permit others to engage in, any misrepresentation of the scope or conditions of its recognition. As part of this condition, MET agrees that it will allow no representation that it is either a recognized or an accredited NRTL without clearly indicating the specific equipment or material to which this recognition applies, and also clearly indicating that its recognition is limited to specific products;
4. MET must inform OSHA as soon as possible, in writing, of any change of ownership, facilities, or key personnel, and of any major changes in its operations as an NRTL, including details of these changes;
5. MET will meet all the terms of its recognition, and will always comply with all OSHA policies pertaining to this recognition; and
6. MET will continue to meet the requirements for recognition in all areas covered by its scope of recognition.

Correction to FM Approvals Scope of Recognition

On October 25, 2010, OSHA published a notice (75 FR 65521) to expand the recognition of FM Approvals, LLC (FM). One of the standards added to FM’s scope was UL 484 (Air Room Air Conditioners). Subsequent to the publication, FM informed OSHA that it instead intended to request recognition of UL 464 (Audible Signal Appliances). OSHA determined that FM has the capability for this standard, and proposes to add it to FM’s scope of NRTL recognition.

OSHA welcomes public comments as to whether FM meets the requirements specified by 29 CFR 1910.7 for the proposed correction to its scope of recognition as a NRTL. Comments should consist of pertinent written documents and exhibits. Commenters needing more time to comment must submit a request in writing, stating the reasons for the request. OSHA must receive the written request for an extension by the due date for comments. OSHA will limit any extension to 30 days unless the requester justifies a longer period. OSHA may deny a request for an extension if it is not adequately justified. To obtain or review copies of the correction to FM’s scope of recognition and other pertinent documents, and all submitted comments, contact the Docket Office, Room N–2625, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, at the above address; these materials also are available online at http://www.regulations.gov under Docket No. OSHA–2007–0041.

The NRTL Program staff will review all timely comments and, after addressing the issues raised by these comments, will recommend whether to correct FM’s scope of recognition. The Assistant Secretary will make the final decision on granting the request, and, in
making this decision, may undertake other proceedings prescribed in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. OSHA will publish a public notice of this final decision in the Federal Register. However, because OSHA is only correcting the recognition, if OSHA receives no comments, it will add the standard to FM’s scope without publishing a notice of final decision.

Authority and Signature

David Michaels, Ph.D., MPH, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, directed the preparation of this notice. Accordingly, the Agency is issuing this notice pursuant to Sections 6(b) and 8(g) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 655 and 657), Secretary of Labor’s Order No. 4–2010 (75 FR 55355), and 29 CFR part 1911.

Signed at Washington, DC, on December 8, 2010.

David Michaels,
Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice: (10–160)]

National Environmental Policy Act: Scientific Balloon Program

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321, et seq.); the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500–1508); and NASA policy and procedures (14 CFR part 1216, subpart 1216.3); NASA has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to its proposed increase in scientific balloon launches at the Columbia Scientific Balloon Facility (CSBF). CSBF would launch up to 10 additional scientific balloons per year from CSBF Fort Sumner, New Mexico, while launches from CSBF Palestine, Texas would remain at current levels.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the final Scientific Balloon Program Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) may be viewed at the following locations:

(a) Fort Sumner Public Library, 235 West Sumner Avenue, Fort Sumner, New Mexico 88119 (575–355–2832).
(b) Palestine Public Library, 1101 North Cedar Street, Palestine, Texas 75801 (903–729–4121).
(c) NASA Headquarters Library, Room 1J20, 300 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20546–0001 (202–358–0168).

On the Internet at: http://sites.nasa.gov/code 250/docs/BPO_PEA.html.

A limited number of hard copies of the final PEA are available by contacting: Joshua Bundick, NEPA Program Manager, NASA Wallops Island Flight Facility, Code 250.W, Wallops Island, VA 23337.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joshua Bundick, (757) 824–2319 (phone); (757) 824–1819 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NASA has reviewed the Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) prepared for the scientific balloon launches at the Columbia Scientific Balloon Facility (CSBF) and has concluded that the PEA represents an accurate and adequate analysis of the scope and level of associated environmental impacts. NASA hereby incorporates the PEA by reference in the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). NASA solicited public and agency review and comment on the environmental impacts of the proposed action through:

1. Publishing a notice of availability of the draft PEA and the draft FONSI in the Federal Register, the DeBaca County News, and the Palestine Herald;
2. Making available the draft PEA and draft FONSI at the Palestine Public Library, Palestine, Texas; the Fort Sumner Public Library, Fort Sumner, New Mexico; and the NASA Headquarters Library in Washington, DC;
3. Publication of the draft PEA and draft FONSI on the Internet;
4. Consultations with Federal, State, and local agencies; and
5. Mailing the draft PEA and draft FONSI directly to interested parties.

Comments received were taken into consideration in the final PEA.

CSBF is composed of two facilities that launch scientific balloons. The main facility is located in Palestine, Texas, while the other facility is located in Fort Sumner, New Mexico. Though CSBF Palestine is the main facility, most balloon launches occur from the Fort Sumner facility due to its more remote nature. As balloon flight paths are wind-driven, their landing sites could be in adjacent States. An analysis of the past ten years of flights indicates that the majority of balloons and payloads are recovered from Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. Very few balloons or payloads have landed in the neighboring States of Oklahoma, Kansas, and Colorado.

The PEA describes the potential impacts from the Proposed Action as well as the No Alternative. Under the Proposed Action, NASA would increase the number of scientific balloons launched each year. Balloon flights originating from CSBF Fort Sumner would increase from 15 to 25 annually; balloons launched from the CSBF Palestine would continue at approximately 6 per year. No construction would take place at either of the two launch sites and no increase in the personnel staff at either CSBF Fort Sumner or CSBF Palestine is proposed.

Under the No Alternative, NASA would not increase the number of balloon launches from either CSBF location, and the status quo would be maintained with 21 conventional balloons launched annually.

Summary of Environmental Impacts: The potential environmental impacts from implementation of the Proposed Action are summarized below.

Airspace and Balloon Operations: No adverse impacts to airspace management or balloon operations are anticipated under this proposal. CSBF would continue to adhere to the letter of agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration Air Route Traffic Control Centers (ARTCC) for Albuquerque and Fort Worth. CSBF would continue to notify Cannon Air Force Base prior to balloon launches to further enhance safety in the region. As such, impacts to other users of the airspace or to balloons launched from CSBF Fort Sumner or CSBF Palestine would not be adverse.

Safety: NASA and CSBF have extensive safety regulations and standard safety procedures for launch and recovery activities that ensure safety of staff and the general public. Models developed by NASA are used to predict the landing location of the balloon system. Along with real-time computer monitoring systems and controls, population centers and Special Use Land Management Areas (SULMAs) can be avoided, virtually eliminating the potential for injury to people or property. Adverse impacts from implementing the Proposed Action are not anticipated.

Air Quality: Vehicular travel by research scientists and students to the CSBF Fort Sumner location would increase under this proposal; however, the emissions would be minimal. Air emissions would not be perceptibly