DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Employment and Training Administration


Simpson Lumber Company, LLC, Shelton, Washington; Simpson Lumber Company, LLC, Tacoma, Washington; Simpson Lumber Company, LLC, Longview, Washington; Notice of Revised Determination on Reconsideration

On May 9, 2012, the Department of Labor issued an Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration for the workers and former workers of Simpson Lumber Company, LLC, Shelton, Washington (TA–W–81,372), Simpson Lumber Company, LLC, Tacoma, Washington (TA–W–81,372A), and Simpson Lumber Company, LLC, Longview, Washington (TA–W–81,372B) (hereafter referred to collectively as “the subject firm” or “Simpson Lumber Company”). The workers are engaged in activities related to the production of dimension lumber, primarily used in housing construction, remodel, and repair. The worker group does not include leased workers.

The reconsideration investigation revealed that customer imports of dimension lumber (or like or directly competitive articles) during the relevant period contributed importantly to the worker group separations and production declines at each of the afore-mentioned locations of Simpson Lumber Company.

Section 222(a)(1) has been met because a significant number or proportion of the workers in each of the afore-mentioned locations of Simpson Lumber Company have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated.

A significant number or proportion means at least three workers in a firm (or appropriate subdivision thereof) with a work force of fewer than fifty workers or at least five percent of the workers in a firm (or appropriate subdivision thereof) with a work force of fifty or more workers. 29 CFR 90.2

Section 222(a)(2)(A)(i) has been met because production of dimension lumber at each of the afore-mentioned locations of Simpson Lumber Company has decreased absolutely during the period under investigation.

Section 222(a)(2)(A)(ii) has been met because customer imports of articles like or directly competitive with the dimensional lumber produced by Simpson Lumber Company have increased (absolutely or relatively) during the relevant period.

Finally, Section 222(a)(2)(A)(iii) has been met because the increased customer imports of articles like or directly competitive with dimensional lumber contributed importantly to the worker group separations and production declines at each of the afore-mentioned locations of Simpson Lumber Company.

Contributed importantly means a cause which is important but not necessarily more important than other cause. 29 CFR 90.16(b)(3)

Conclusion

After careful review of the additional facts obtained during the reconsideration investigation, I determine that workers of Simpson Lumber Company, LLC, Shelton, Washington (TA–W–81,372), Simpson Lumber Company, LLC, Tacoma, Washington, Tacoma and Longview, Washington, engaged in employment related to the production of dimension lumber, meet the worker group certification criteria under Section 222(a) of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2272(a). In accordance with Section 223 of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2273, I make the following certification:

All workers of Simpson Lumber Company, LLC, Shelton, Washington (TA–W–81,372), Simpson Lumber Company, LLC, Tacoma, Washington, Tacoma and Longview, Washington (TA–W–81,372B), who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after February 21, 2011, through two years from the date of certification, and all workers in the group threatened with total or partial separation from employment on the 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 at Washington, DC, this 25th day of February, 2013.

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

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. NRC–2013–0013]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) invites public comment about our intention to request the OMB’s approval for renewal of an existing information collection that is summarized below. We are required to publish this notice in the Federal Register under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. The title of the information collection: 10 CFR part 5, “Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance.”

2. Current OMB approval number: 3150–0209.

3. How often the collection is required: Part 5 follows provisions covered in 10 CFR part 4, Section 4.331 Compliance Reviews, which indicates that the NRC may conduct compliance reviews and Pre-Award reviews of recipients or use other similar procedures that will permit it to investigate and correct violations of the act and these regulations. The NRC may conduct these reviews even in absence of a complaint against a recipient. The reviews may be as comprehensive as necessary to determine whether a violation of these regulations has occurred.

4. Who is required or asked to report: Recipients of Federal Financial Assistance provided by the NRC (including Educational Institutions, Other Nonprofit Organizations receiving Federal Assistance, and Agreement States.

5. The number of annual respondents: 200.

6. The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: 3,600 hours (3,000 hrs for reporting (5 hrs per respondent) and 600 hrs for recordkeeping (3 hrs per recordkeeper)).

7. Abstract: The regulations under Part 5 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), implements the provisions of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, (except Sections 904 and 906 of these amendments) (20 U.S.C. 1681, 1682, 1683, 1685, 1686, 1687, 1688), which is designed to eliminate (with certain exceptions) discrimination on the basis of sex in any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance, whether or not such program or activity is offered or administered by an educational institution as defined in these Title IX regulations.


9. Proposed burden hours: 3,600 hours (3,000 hrs for reporting (5 hrs per respondent) and 600 hrs for recordkeeping (3 hrs per recordkeeper)).