

certifying Murray Engineering workers as adversely affected secondary workers eligible to apply for TAA.

#### Conclusion

After careful reconsideration on remand, I affirm the original notice of negative determination of eligibility to apply for TAA for workers and former workers of Murray Engineering, Inc., Complete Design Service, Flint, Michigan.

Signed at Washington, DC this 19th 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-55,003 and TA-W-55,003A;]

##### **Pomona Textile Co., Inc. Production Plant, Pomona, California; Pomona Textile Co., Inc. Sales Office, Burbank, California; Notice of Revised Determination on Reconsideration**

By letter dated July 22, 2004 a company official requested administrative reconsideration regarding the Department's Negative Determination Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance, applicable to the workers of the subject firm.

The initial investigation resulted in a negative determination signed on July 7, 2004 was based on the finding that imports of nylon and polyester tricot did not contribute importantly to worker separations at the subject plant and no shift of production to a foreign source occurred. The denial notice was published in the **Federal Register** on August 3, 2004 (69 FR 46574).

To support the request for reconsideration, the company official supplied additional information. Upon further review and contact with the subject firm's major customer, it was revealed that the customer significantly increased its import purchases of nylon-polyester tricot while decreasing its purchases from the subject firm during the relevant period. The imports accounted for a meaningful portion of the subject plant's lost sales and production.

In accordance with Section 246 the Trade Act of 1974 (26 U.S.C. 2813), as amended, the Department of Labor herein presents the results of its investigation regarding certification of

eligibility to apply for alternative trade adjustment assistance (ATAA) for older workers.

In order for the Department to issue a certification of eligibility to apply for ATAA, the group eligibility requirements of Section 246 of the Trade Act must be met. The Department has determined in this case that the requirements of Section 246 have been met.

A significant number of workers at the firm are age 50 or over and possess skills that are not easily transferable. Competitive conditions within the industry are adverse.

#### Conclusion

After careful review of the additional facts obtained on reconsideration, I conclude that increased imports of articles like or directly competitive with those produced at Pomona Textile Co., Inc., Pomona, California, contributed importantly to the declines in sales or production and to the total or partial separation of workers at the subject firm. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, I make the following certification:

"All workers of Pomona Textile, Co, Inc., Production Plant, Pomona, California (TA-W-55,003) and Pomona Textile Co., Inc., Sales Office, Burbank, California (TA-W-55,003A), who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after May 28, 2003 through two years from the date of this certification, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, and are eligible to apply for alternative trade adjustment assistance under Section 246 of the Trade Act of 1974."

Signed in Washington, DC this 18th 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-55,347]

##### **Romar Textile Inc., Ellwood City, PA; Notice of Termination of Investigation**

Pursuant to section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, an investigation was initiated on July 30, 2004 in response to a worker petition filed by a company official on behalf of workers at Romar Textile, Inc., Ellwood City, Pennsylvania.

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

Signed at Washington, DC this 20th day of August, 2004.

**Linda G. Poole,**

*Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

##### Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-55,398]

##### **Thomasville Furniture Industries, Inc., Plant V, Thomasville, NC; Notice of Termination of Investigation**

Pursuant to Section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, an investigation was initiated on August 6, 2004 in response to a petition filed on behalf of workers at Thomasville Furniture Industries, Inc., Plant V, Thomasville, North Carolina.

The petitioning group of workers is covered by active certifications issued on January 13, 2004 which remain in effect (TA-W-53,515G and TA-W-53,515H, as amended). Consequently, further investigation in this case would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 17th day of August 2004.

**Richard Church,**

*Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

##### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR-1218-0099(2004)]

##### **Respiratory Protection Standard; Extension of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Approval of Information Collection (Paperwork) Requirements**

**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

**ACTION:** Request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** OSHA solicits comments concerning its request for an extension of the information collection requirements contained in the Respiratory Protection Standard (29 CFR 1910.134).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted by the following dates:

*Hard Copy:* Your comments must be submitted (postmarked or received) by October 29, 2004.

*Facsimile and electronic transmission:* Your comments must be received by October 29, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by OSHA Docket No. ICR-1218-0099(2004), by any of the following methods:

*Regular mail, express delivery, hand-delivery, and messenger service:* Submit your comments and attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, Room N-2625, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-2350 (OSHA's TTY number is (877) 889-5627). The OSHA Docket Office and Department of Labor hours of operation are 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. e.s.t.

*Facsimile:* If your comments, including any attachments are 10 pages or fewer, you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-1648.

*Electronic:* You may submit comments through the Internet at <http://ecomments.osha.gov/>. Follow instructions on the OSHA Webpage for submitting comments.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read or download comments or background materials, such as the complete Information Collection Request (ICR) (containing the Supporting Statement, OMB-83-I Form, and attachments), go to OSHA's Web page at <http://OSHA.gov>. Comments, submissions, and the ICR are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office at the address above. You also may contact Todd Owen at the address below to obtain a copy of the ICR.

(For additional information on submitting comments, please see the "Public Participation" heading in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Todd Owen, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA, Room N-3609, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-2222.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **I. Submission of Comments on This Notice and Internet Access to Comments and Submissions**

You may submit comments and supporting materials in response to this document by (1) hard copy; (2) FAX transmission (facsimile); or (3) electronically through the OSHA Webpage.

Because of security-related problems, there may be a significant delay in the receipt of comments by regular mail. Please contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-2350 (TTY (877) 889-5627) for information about security procedures concerning the delivery of materials by express delivery, hand delivery, and messenger service.

All comments, submissions, and background documents are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office at the above address. Comments and submissions posted on OSHA's Webpage are available at <http://www.OSHA.gov>. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about materials not available through the OSHA Webpage and for assistance using the Webpage to locate docket submissions.

Electronic copies of this **Federal Register** notice, as well as other relevant documents, are available on OSHA's Webpage.

#### **II. Background**

The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent (*i.e.*, employer) burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing information collection requirements in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA-95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

This program ensures that information is in the desired format, reporting burden (time and costs) is minimal, collection instruments are clearly understood, and OSHA's estimate of the information collection burden is accurate. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the Act) (29 U.S.C. 651 *et seq.*) authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for enforcement of the Act or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents (29 U.S.C. 657).

The Respiratory Protection Standard (§ 1910.134; hereafter, "Standard") information collection requirements require employers to: develop a written respirator program; conduct employee medical evaluations and provide follow-up medical evaluations to determine the employee's ability to use a respirator; provide the physician or other licensed health care professional with information about the employee's respirator and the conditions under which the employee will use the respirator; and administrator fit tests for employees who will use negative- or positive-pressure, tight-fitting facepieces. In addition, employers must

ensure that employees store emergency-use respirators in compartments clearly marked as containing emergency-use respirators. For respirators maintained for emergency use, employers must label or tag the respirator with a certificate stating the date of inspection, the name of the individual who made the inspection, the findings of the inspection, required remedial action, and the identity of the respirator.

The Standard also requires employers to ensure that cylinders used to supply breathing air to respirators have a certificate of analysis from the supplier stating that the breathing air meets the requirements for Type 1—Grade D breathing air; such certification assures employers that the purchased breathing air is safe. Compressors used to supply breathing air to respirators must have a tag containing the most recent change date and the signature of the individual authorized by the employer to perform the change. Employers must maintain this tag at the compressor. These tags provide assurance that the compressors are functioning properly.

#### **III. Special Issues for Comment**

OSHA has a particular interest in comments on the following issues:

- Whether the information-collection requirements are necessary for the proper performance of the Agency's functions, including whether the information is useful;
- The accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden (time and costs) of the information collection requirements, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- The quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden on employers who must comply; for example, by using automated or other technological information collection and -transmission techniques.

#### **IV. Proposed Actions**

OSHA is proposing to extend the information collection requirements contained in the Respiratory Protection Standard (29 CFR 1910.134). The Agency will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice, and will include this summary in the request to OMB to extend the approval of the information collection requirements contained in the Standard.

*Type of Review:* Extension of currently approved information collection requirements.

*Title:* Respiratory Protection (29 CFR 1910.134).

*OMB Number:* 1218-0099.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; Federal

governments; State, local, or tribal governments.

*Number of Respondents:* 619,430.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually; monthly; on occasion.

*Total Responses:* 19,136,576.

*Average Time per Response:* Time per response varies from 5 minutes (.08 hours) to mark a storage compartment or protective cover to 8 hours for large employers to gather and prepare information to develop a written program.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 6,334,640.

*Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance):* \$97,720,304.

## V. Authority and Signature

John L. Henshaw, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506), and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 5–2002 (67 FR 65008).

Signed at Washington, DC, on August 24, 2004.

**John L. Henshaw,**

*Assistant Secretary of Labor.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice; Submission for OMB review; Comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104–13. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** at 69 FR 39515, and no comments were received. NSF is forwarding the proposed renewal submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to

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 should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725–17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, and to Bijan Gilanshah, Assistant General Counsel, through surface mail (National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1265, Arlington, Virginia 22230); e-mail ([bgilansh@nsf.gov](mailto:bgilansh@nsf.gov)) or fax (703–292–9041). Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling 703–292–8060.

NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Under OMB regulations, the agency may continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of information while this submission is pending at OMB.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to Bijan Gilanshah, Assistant General Counsel, through surface mail (National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1265, Arlington, Virginia 22230); e-mail ([bgilansh@nsf.gov](mailto:bgilansh@nsf.gov)) or fax (703–292–9041).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Call or write, Bijan Gilanshah, Assistant General Counsel, at the National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1265, Arlington, Virginia 22230; call (703) 292–8060, or send e-mail to [bgilansh@nsf.gov](mailto:bgilansh@nsf.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title of Collection:* Antarctic emergency response plan and environmental protection information.

*OMB Approval Number:* 3145–0180.

*Abstract:* The NSF, pursuant to the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2401 *et seq.*) (“ACA”) regulates certain non-governmental activities in Antarctica. The ACA was amended in 1996 by the Antarctic Science, Tourism, and Conservation Act. On September 7, 2001, NSF published a final rule in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 46739)

implementing certain of these statutory amendments. The rule requires non-governmental Antarctic expeditions using non-U.S. flagged vessels to ensure that the vessel owner has an emergency response plan. The rule also requires persons organizing a non-governmental expedition to provide expedition members with information on their environmental protection obligations under the Antarctic Conservation Act.

*Expected Respondents.* Respondents may include non-profit organizations and small and large businesses. The majority of respondents are anticipated to be U.S. tour operators, currently estimated to number twelve.

*Burden on the Public.* The Foundation estimates that a one-time paperwork and recordkeeping burden of 40 hours or less, at a cost of \$500 to \$1400 per respondent, will result from the emergency response plan requirement contained in the rule. Presently, all respondents have been providing expedition members with a copy of the Guidance for Visitors to the Antarctic (prepared and adopted at the Eighteenth Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting as Recommendation XVIII–1). Because this Antarctic Treaty System document satisfies the environmental protection information requirements of the rule, no additional burden shall result from the environmental information requirements in the proposed rule.

Dated: August 25, 2004.

**Lawrence Rudolph,**

*General Counsel, National Science Foundation.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### NSF–NASA Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following NSF–NASA–Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee meeting (#13883):

*Date and Time:* October 26–27, 2004, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Stafford II Building, Room 555, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Dr. G. Wayne Van Citters, Director, Division of Astronomical Sciences, Suite 1045, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292–4908.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations to the National Science