

including Texas (TA-W-37,217G), was signed on December 6, 2000, and was published in the **Federal Register** on December 21, 2000 (65 FR 80456).

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 request for reconsideration of TA-W-37,217 and TA-W-37,217G, states that the Fort Worth, Texas workers of the subject firm are being retained to transition computer systems, land records, train Anadarko employees and transfer assets. The petitioner adds that these workers are being retained because of their specialized expertise unique to the oil and gas industry; opportunities in Fort Worth are limited as more companies close. The petitioner submitted excerpts from the subject firm's 1998 and 1999 annual reports, and materials related to the oil and gas industry.

The TAA petition filed on October 16, 2000, was filed on behalf of workers engaged in employment related to the production of crude oil and natural gas, at the subject firm headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas, and operating in Colorado, Wyoming, Oklahoma, Kansas, Louisiana, Utah and Texas. On December 6, 2000, workers of the subject firm were denied eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance because the "contributed importantly" criterion of the group eligibility requirements of Section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, was not met. The subject firm merged with another firm in July 2000. Workers of the subject firm were covered by an existing certification, TA-W-35,465, which expired January 21, 2001. Any layoffs that occurred at the subject firm after the expiration date of the certification applicable to the petitioning worker group, were attributable to this merger and a redundancy in employee positions. Furthermore, aggregate U.S. imports of crude oil and natural gas declined in the twelve-month period of July through June 1999-2000, both absolutely and relative to domestic shipments.

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 decisions. Accordingly, the application is denied.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 20th day of February 2001.

Edward A. Tomchick,

Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-38,343]

United Steelworkers of America (USWA), Local 2176, Gadsden, AL; Dismissal of Application for Reconsideration

Pursuant to 29 CFR 90.18(C) an application for administrative reconsideration was filed with the Director of the Trade Adjustment Assistance for workers at United Steelworkers of America (USWA), Local 2176, Gadsden, Alabama. 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-38,343; United Steelworkers of America (USWA), Local 2176, Gadsden, Alabama (February 22, 2001)

Signed in Washington, DC, this 22nd day of February, 2001.

Edward A. Tomchick,

Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-38,342]

Gulf States Steel, Inc., Gadsden, AL; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, an investigation was initiated on November 20, 2000 in response to a worker petition which was filed on November 20, 2000 on behalf of

workers at Gulf States Steel, Gadsden, Alabama.

Since all workers at the subject firm were separated prior to November 23, 2000, workers are eligible to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance benefits under a certification which was issued on November 23, 1998, and covered all separations extending through November 23, 2000 (TA-W-35,108). Consequently, further investigation in this case would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 25th day of January, 2001.

Linda G. Poole,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-4253]

Homestake Mining Company, Homestake Gold Mine, Lead, South Dakota; 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 Homestake Mining Company, Homestake Gold Mine, Lead, South Dakota. The application contained no new substantial information which would bear importantly on the Department's determination. Therefore, dismissal of the application was issued.

NAFTA-4253; Homestake Mining Company, Homestake Gold Mine, Lead, South Dakota (February 22, 2001)

Signed at Washington, DC this 22nd day of February, 2001.

Edward A. Tomchick,

Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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