

subject firm. Employment declined from 1998 to 1999 and in the first two months of 2000. The initial investigation confirmed that there was a shift in production of fiber optic connectors from Middletown to Mexico. The workers at the plant are not separately identifiable by product line.

Conclusion

After careful consideration of the new facts obtained on reconsideration, I conclude that there was a shift in production from the workers' firm to Mexico of articles that are like or directly competitive with those produced by the subject firm. In accordance with the provisions of the Trade Act of 1974, I make the following revised determination:

All workers of AMP, Incorporated, A Tyco International LTD. Company, Fiber Optic Division, Middletown, Pennsylvania, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after August 30, 1998, are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, DC this 20th day of March 2000.

Grant D. Beale,

Program Manager, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-3369]

Superior-Essex, Pauline, KS; Notice of Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration

By letter of February 25, 2000, the United Steelworkers of America (USWA) request administrative reconsideration of the Department of Labor's Notice of Negative Determination Regarding Eligibility to Apply for North American Free Trade Agreement—Transitional Adjustment Assistance (NAFTA-TAA) for workers of the subject firm. The denial notice was signed January 14, 2000, and published in the **Federal Register** on February 4, 2000 (FR 65 5691).

The USWA acknowledges that the subject firm is not shifting production of copper building wire to Mexico, but states that the production of copper rod has been shifted from the Pauline, Kansas plant of Superior-Essex to Mexico.

Conclusion

After careful review of the application, I conclude that the claim is of sufficient weight to justify reconsideration of the Department of Labor's prior decision. The application is, therefore, granted.

Signed at Washington, DC this 20th day of March 2000.

Grant D. Beale,

Program Manager, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Fire Protection (Underground Coal Mines)

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance 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.

DATES: Submit comments on or before May 26, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Theresa M. O'Malley, Program Analysis Officer, Office of Program Evaluation and Information Resources, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 715, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on a computer disk, or via Internet E-mail to tomalley@msha.gov, along with an original printed copy. Ms. O'Malley can be reached at (703) 235-1470 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theresa M. O'Malley, Program Analysis Officer, Office of Program Evaluation and Information Resources, U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 719, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Ms. O'Malley can be

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Subpart L of 30 CFR part 75, establishes minimum fire protection requirements for underground coal mines. This subpart contains provisions requiring that a program for the instruction of miners in fire fighting and evacuation procedures be adopted by the mine operator and approved by the MSHA district manager. Subpart L also contains provisions requiring fire extinguishers to be examined every 6 months, fire drills to be conducted every 90 days, automatic fire sensor and warning device systems to be examined weekly and tested annually, and fire hydrants and hose to be tested at least once a year. These provisions also require that the mine operator maintain a record or certification that the fire drills and examinations and tests are conducted.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection related to the Fire Protection (Underground Coal Mines). 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 may be viewed on the Internet by accessing the MSHA Home Page (<http://www.msha.gov>) and then choosing "Statutory and Regulatory Information" and "Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions (<http://www.msha.gov/regspwork.htm>)", or by contacting the employee listed above in