

Given the expected number of individuals interested in presenting comments at the meeting, reservations should be made as soon as possible. Persons unable to obtain reservations to speak during the meetings are encouraged to submit written comments, which will be accepted at the meeting site or may be mailed to the Committee at 800 K Street, NW., Ste. 920, Washington, DC 20530.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Disaster Unemployment Assistance: Extension of Period for Filing Claims and for the Submission of Documentation

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) administers Federal law requirements pertaining to Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA). These requirements are found in Federal regulations at 20 CFR 625. Due to the devastation created by Hurricane Katrina, ETA, through its Regional Offices, has informed the states of Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi that two filing deadlines for DUA are being extended. The memoranda are being published in the **Federal Register** in order to inform the public.

Dated: October 17, 2005.

**Emily Stover Derocco,**

*Assistant Secretary of Labor.*

#### September 9, 2005

*Memorandum For:* Helen N. Parker, Regional Administrator, Atlanta. Joseph C. Juarez, Regional Administrator, Dallas.

*From:* Cheryl Atkinson, Administrator, Office of Workforce Security.

*Subject:* Extension of 30-day Filing Period for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) for Claims Related to Hurricane Katrina.

Due to the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina, the filing period for DUA is extended through November 30, 2005. This extension is based on the fact that there is widespread dislocation of workers and damage to the affected areas' infrastructure inflicted by Hurricane Katrina, which will make it difficult for individuals to file within the 30-day filing period. Additional time will afford those individuals a

sufficient opportunity to file a DUA claim. There is good cause under 20 CFR 625.8(a) to extend the filing period for DUA in this situation.

Please advise the States of Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi of this extension. You should also ensure that the agencies work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to release appropriate announcements to the media. Please advise states to use the services of FEMA's Joint Field Offices to issue public service announcements and media releases.

#### September 16, 2005

*Memorandum For:* Helen N. Parker, Regional Administrator, Atlanta. Joseph C. Juarez, Regional Administrator, Dallas.

*From:* Emily Stover Derocco, Assistant Secretary of Labor.

*Subject:* Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)—Extension of Period for Submitting Documentation.

Due to the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina, the time required for submission of documentation under 20 CFR 625.6(e)(1) is extended. For purposes of Hurricane Katrina, this documentation must be submitted within 90 days calendar days after the filing of the initial application for DUA. This extension is based on the fact that there has been widespread evacuation of workers due to the hurricane. It is unlikely that evacuees who do not have documentation at the time of filing will be able to obtain documentation within the 21-day period specified by the regulation because they will not have access to the appropriate documentation and may have to rely on others to provide this documentation.

More specifically, 20 CFR 625.6(e)(1) provides that when an applicant's weekly DUA amount is based only "on the individual's statement," the individual shall furnish documentation in support of this statement "within 21 calendar days of the filing of the initial application for DUA." As discussed above, for purposes of Hurricane Katrina, this period is extended to within 90 calendar days of filing the initial application.

Please advise the States of Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi of this extension. These states should take appropriate action to notify both future applicants and applicants who were initially unable to supply documentation of this extension.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of Labor-Management Standards

RIN 1215-AB52

#### Union Officials: Guidelines for Fiduciary Responsibilities Under Section 501 of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act, 29 U.S.C. § 501

**AGENCY:** Office of Labor-Management Standards, Employment Standards Administration, United States Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Request for information from the public, extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** This document extends the period for comments on the Request for Information published on August 29, 2005 (70 FR 51228). The request seeks information from the public to assist the Department in determining whether to issue guidelines concerning the fiduciary obligations of union officers, agents, shop stewards and other representatives under the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act, as amended (LMRDA), and the content of any such guidelines. The comment period, which was to expire on October 28, 2005, is extended ninety days to January 26, 2006.

**DATES:** Comments on the Request for Information published on August 29, 2005 (70 FR 51228) must be received on or before January 26, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by RIN 1215-AB52, by any of the following methods:

E-mail: [OLMS-REG-1215-AB52@dol.gov](mailto:OLMS-REG-1215-AB52@dol.gov).

FAX: (202) 693-1340. To assure access to the FAX equipment, only comments of five or fewer pages will be accepted via FAX transmittal, unless arrangements are made prior to faxing, by calling the number below and scheduling a time for FAX receipt by the Office of Labor-Management Standards (OLMS).

Mail: Mailed comments should be sent to Kay Oshel, Director of the Office of Policy, Reports and Disclosure, Office of Labor-Management Standards, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N-5605, Washington, DC 20210. Because the Department continues to experience delays in U.S. mail delivery due to the ongoing concerns involving toxic contamination, commenters should take this into consideration when preparing to meet the deadline for submitting comments.