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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### **Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement; Notice of Determination Regarding Review of Submission #2011-03**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Trade and Labor Affairs (OTLA) gives notice that on February 22, 2012, Submission #2011-03 was accepted for review pursuant to Article 16.4.3 of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR).

Father Christopher Hartley filed the submission with OTLA on December 22, 2011. The submitter alleges that the Government of the Dominican Republic (GODR) failed to fulfill its obligations under Chapter 16 of the CAFTA-DR (the Labor Chapter). U.S. Submission #2011-3 alleges that the GODR's actions or lack thereof denied workers their rights under the laws of the Dominican Republic relating to freedom of association, the right to organize, child labor, forced labor, the right to bargain collectively, and acceptable conditions of work. These allegations are supported by statements which, if substantiated, could constitute a failure on the part of the Dominican Republic to comply with its obligations under the CAFTA-DR.

The objective of the review of the submission will be to gather information so that OTLA can better understand the allegations therein and publicly report on the U.S. Government's views regarding whether the GODR's actions were consistent with its obligations under the Labor Chapter of the CAFTA-DR.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* February 22, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gregory Schoepfle, Director, OTLA, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room S-5303, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 693-4900. (This is not a toll-free number.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Article 16.4.3 of the Labor Chapter of the CAFTA-DR provides for the receipt and review of public communications ("submissions") regarding labor law matters in Central America and the Dominican Republic. A **Federal Register** notice issued on December 21, 2006 informed the public that the OTLA had been designated as the office to serve as the contact point for implementing the CAFTA-DR's labor provisions. The same **Federal Register** notice informed the public of the Procedural Guidelines that OTLA would follow for the receipt and review of public submissions (71 FR 76691 (2006)). These Procedural Guidelines are available at <http://www.dol.gov/ilab/programs/otla/proceduralguidelines.htm>. According to the definitions contained in the Procedural Guidelines (Section B) a "submission" is "a communication from the public containing specific allegations, accompanied by relevant supporting information, that another Party has failed to meet its commitments or obligations arising under a labor chapter or Part Two of the NAALC."

The Procedural Guidelines specify that OTLA shall consider six factors, to the extent that they are relevant, in determining whether to accept a submission for review:

1. Whether the submission raises issues relevant to any matter arising under a labor chapter or the NAALC;
2. Whether a review would further the objectives of a labor chapter or the NAALC;
3. Whether the submission clearly identifies the person filing the submission, is signed and dated, and is sufficiently specific to determine the nature of the request and permit an appropriate review;
4. Whether the statements contained in the submission, if substantiated, would constitute a failure of the other Party to comply with its obligations or commitments under a labor chapter or the NAALC;
5. Whether the statements contained in the submission or available information demonstrate that appropriate relief has been sought under the domestic laws of the other Party, or that the matter or a related matter is pending before an international body; and
6. Whether the submission is substantially similar to a recent submission and significant, new information has been furnished that would substantially differentiate the submission from the one previously filed.

U.S. Submission #2011-3 alleges that the GODR's actions or lack thereof denied workers their rights under the laws of the Dominican Republic relating to freedom of association, the right to organize, child labor, forced labor, the right to bargain collectively, and acceptable conditions of work.

In determining whether to accept the submission, OTLA considered the relevant factors in light of the statements in the submission and its supporting documentation. The submission clearly identifies the submitter, is signed and dated, and upon clarification, was sufficiently specific to determine the nature of the request and permit an appropriate review. It also raises issues relevant to the Labor Chapter of the CAFTA-DR, citing numerous problems in the sugar sector that it believes are in violation of the Dominican Republic's labor laws. The submission raises pertinent issues that would further the objectives of the Labor Chapter and that could, if substantiated, constitute a failure of the GODR to comply with its obligations under the Labor Chapter. The submitter provided additional information, including a list of articles of the Labor Code, the Constitution of the Dominican Republic, and ILO Conventions that he believes were violated by the allegations in the submission. The submitter provided information on his efforts to seek appropriate relief for these alleged violations under domestic laws and to raise the issues with GODR officials. The submission also notes that the issues in the submission have been raised in international fora, but to date, they have not been remedied. OTLA has not received similar submissions. Accordingly, OTLA has accepted the submission for review.

OTLA's decision to accept the submission for review is not intended to indicate any determination as to the validity or accuracy of the allegations contained in the submission. The objective of the review of the submission will be to gather information so that OTLA can better understand the allegations therein and publicly report on the issues raised by the submission. OTLA will complete the review and issue a public report within 180 days, unless circumstances, as determined by OTLA, require an extension of time, as set out in the Procedural Guidelines. The public report will include a summary of the review process, as well as any findings and recommendations.

Signed at Washington, DC, on February 22, 2012.

**Sandra Polaski,**

*Deputy Undersecretary for International Affairs.*

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## **NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD**

### **Attentive Driving: Countermeasures for Distraction Forum**

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) will convene a forum, Attentive Driving: Countermeasures for Distraction, which will begin at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 27, 2012. NTSB Chairman Deborah A.P. Hersman will serve as Chairman of the forum, and all five NTSB Board Members will serve as members of the Board of Inquiry. The forum is open to all and attendance is free (no registration). The forum will be streamed live via Webcast. Webcast archives are generally available by the end of the next day are archived for a period of 3 months from the date of the event.

Distracted driving is a serious safety risk on our highways, as evidenced by both accident data and laboratory research. The purpose of this one-day forum is to examine countermeasures that can mitigate distracted driving behaviors. Forum panels will consider the findings of distracted driver research and will promote ongoing and future efforts to promote attentive driving and eliminate distracted driving accidents. Specific countermeasures to be addressed include distracted driving laws and enforcement, changing attitudes and behaviors through education and outreach, and technology and design countermeasures.

Expert panelists will include representatives of safety advocacy groups, vehicle manufacturers, law enforcement, government, and the research community. Below is the preliminary agenda:

#### **Tuesday, March 27, 2012**

##### *Opening Remarks*

*Panel 1: Attention to Non-Driving Tasks*

*Panel 2: Distracted Driving Laws and Enforcement*

*Panel 3: Attentive Driving: Changing Attitudes and Behaviors*

*Panel 4: Technology and Design Countermeasures*

##### *Summary and Closing Remarks*

The full agenda and list of participants can be found at: [www.nts.gov/attentivedriving](http://www.nts.gov/attentivedriving)

The forum will be held in the NTSB Board Room and Conference Center, located at 429 L'Enfant Plaza E., SW., Washington, DC. The public can view the forum in person or by Webcast at [www.nts.gov](http://www.nts.gov).

Individuals requesting specific accommodations should contact Ms. Rochelle Hall at (202) 314-6305 by Friday, March 23, 2012.

*NTSB Media Contact:* Mr. Terry Williams, (202) 314-6403 (Washington, DC), [williat@ntsb.gov](mailto:williat@ntsb.gov).

*NTSB Forum Manager:* Ms. Deborah Bruce, [bruced@ntsb.gov](mailto:bruced@ntsb.gov).

March 9, 2012.

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[Docket No. NRC-2011-0271]**

### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The NRC published a **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period on this information collection on November 28, 2011 (76 FR 72982).

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Revision.

2. *The title of the information collection:* 10 CFR Part 20, "Standards for Protection Against Radiation."

3. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150-0014.

4. *The form number if applicable:* N/A.

5. *How often the collection is required:* Annually for most reports and at license termination for reports dealing with decommissioning.

6. *Who will be required or asked to report:* NRC licensees and Agreement

State licensees, including those requesting license terminations. Types of licensees include civilian commercial, industrial, academic, and medical users of nuclear materials. Licenses are issued for, among other things, the possession, use, processing, handling, and importing and exporting of nuclear materials, and for the operation of nuclear reactors.

7. *An estimate of the number of annual responses:* 43,505 (6,215 from NRC licensees and 37,290 from Agreement State licensees)

8. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 21,000 (3,000 NRC licensees and 18,000 Agreement State licensees)

9. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 640,521 (91,503 from NRC licensees and 549,018 from Agreement State licensees)

10. *Abstract:* 10 CFR part 20 establishes standards for protection against ionizing radiation resulting from activities conducted under licenses issued by the NRC and by Agreement States. These standards require the establishment of radiation protection programs, maintenance of radiation protection programs, maintenance of radiation records recording of radiation received by workers, reporting of incidents which could cause exposure to radiation, submittal of an annual report to NRC and to Agreement States of the results of individual monitoring, and submittal of license termination information. These mandatory requirements are needed to protect occupationally exposed individuals from undue risks of excessive exposure to ionizing radiation and to protect the health and safety of the public.

The public may examine and have copied for a fee publicly available documents, including the final supporting statement, at the NRC's Public Document Room, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC's Web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/omb/>. The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer listed below by April 16, 2012. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date.

Chad Whiteman, Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs