

34,398E); Central Regional Office, Dallas, (Richardson), Texas (TA-W-34,398F); and the Eastern Regional Office, Orlando, Florida (TA-W-34,398G) who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after March 14, 1997 through May 28, 2000 are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, DC this 18th day of November 1998.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-34,907]

Sweet-Orr & Company, Dawsonville, Georgia; Dismissal of Application for Reconsideration

Pursuant to 29 CFR 90.18(C) an application for administrative reconsideration was filed with the Acting Director of the Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance for workers at Sweet-Orr & Company, Dawsonville, Georgia. The review indicated that 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-34,907; Sweet-Orr & Company, Dawsonville, Georgia (November 18, 1998)

Signed at Washington, DC this 18th day of November, 1998.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-35,089]

TransTexas Gas Corporation, Houston, Texas; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, an investigation was initiated on September 28, 1998, in response to a petition filed on the same date on behalf of workers at TransTexas Gas Corporation, Houston, Texas.

The company official submitting the petition has requested that the petition

be withdrawn. Consequently, further investigation in this case would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed in Washington, DC this 9th day of November, 1998.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Equal Employment Opportunity in Apprenticeship and Training; Comment Request

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. Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the collection of the information regarding registered apprenticeship programs under Title 29 CFR Part 30 (Equal Employment Opportunity in Apprenticeship and Training).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before February 2, 1999.

The Department of Labor 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.

ADDRESSES: Anthony Swoope, Director, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Room 4649, Washington, DC, 20210; E-mail Internet address: aswoope@doleta.gov; Telephone number: (202) 219-5921 (this is not a toll-free number); Fax number: (202) 219-5011 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The National Apprenticeship Act of 1937 authorizes and directs the Secretary of Labor "to formulate and promote the furtherance of labor standards necessary to safeguard the welfare of apprentices, to extend the application of such standards by encouraging the inclusion thereof in contracts of apprenticeship, to bring together employers and labor for the formulation of programs of apprenticeship, to cooperate with State agencies engaged in the formulation and promotion of standards of apprenticeship, and to cooperate with the Office of Education under the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare * * *. "Section 2 of the Act authorizes the Secretary of Labor to "publish information relating to existing and proposed labor standards of apprenticeship," and to "appoint national advisory committees * * *." (29 U.S.C. 50a).

Title 29 CFR Part 30 sets forth policies and procedures to promote equality of opportunity in apprenticeship programs registered with the U.S. Department of Labor and recognized State apprenticeship agencies. These policies and procedures apply to recruitment and selection of apprentices, and to all conditions of employment and training during apprenticeship. The procedures provide for review of apprenticeship programs, for registering apprenticeship programs, for processing complaints, and for deregistering noncomplying apprenticeship programs. This part also provides policies and procedures for continuation or withdrawal of recognition of State agencies which register apprenticeship programs for Federal purposes.

II. Current Actions

Recordkeeping and data collection activities regarding registered apprenticeship are by-products of the registration system. Organizations which apply for apprenticeship sponsorship enter into an agreement with the Federal Government or cognizant State government to operate their proposed programs consistent with 29 CFR Part 30. Apprenticeship sponsors are not required to file reports regarding their apprentices other than individual registration and update information as an apprentice moves through their program.

Type of Review: Extension.
Agency: Employment and Training Administration.
Title: 29 CFR Part 30, Equal Employment Opportunity in Apprenticeship and Training.
OMB Number: 1205-0224.
Agency Number: ETA 9039.
Recordkeeping: Apprenticeship sponsors are required to keep accurate records on the qualifications of each applicant pertaining to determination of compliance with these regulations. Records must be retained, where appropriate, regarding affirmative action plans and evidence that qualification

standards have been validated. State Apprenticeship Councils are also obligated to keep adequate records pertaining to determination of compliance with these regulations. All of the above records are required to be maintained for five years. If this information was not required, there would be no documentation that the apprenticeship programs were being operated in a nondiscriminatory manner. Many apprenticeship programs are 4 years or more in duration; therefore, it is important to maintain the records for at least 5 years.

Section	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response	Burden
Summary of Burden for 30 CFR Part 29					
Sec. 30.3	112	1-time	112	1/2 hour	56
Sec. 30.4	1,336	1-time	1,336	1 hour	1,336
Sec. 30.5	3,964	1-time basis/applicant	3,964	1/2 hour	1,982
Sec. 30.6	50	1-time	50	5 hours	250
Sec. 30.8	41,480	1-time	41,480	1 minute	691
Sec. 30.8	30	1-time/program	20,740	5 minutes	1,728
Sec. 30.11	41,480	1-time	41,480	Hand-out .....	.....
ETA 9039	50	1-time	50	1/2 hour	25
Sec. 30.15	30	1-time	Completed .....	.....	.....
Sec. 30.19	30	varies .....	.....	.....	.....
Total .....	.....	.....	109,212 .....	.....	6,068

Total Burden Cost (Capital/Start-up) = 0.

Total Burden Cost (Operation/Maintenance) = 0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 30, 1998.

Anthony Swoope,

Director, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training Administration****Investigations Regarding Certifications of Eligibility To Apply for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance**

Petitions for transitional adjustment assistance under the North American

Free Trade Agreement-Transitional Adjustment Assistance Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103-182), hereinafter called (NAFTA-TAA), have been filed with State Governors under Section 250(b)(1) of Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Title II, of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, are identified in the Appendix to this Notice. Upon notice from a Governor that a NAFTA-TAA petition has been received, the Acting Director of the Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance (OTAA), Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Department of Labor (DOL), announces the filing of the petition and takes action pursuant to paragraphs (c) and (e) of Section 250 of the Trade Act.

The purpose of the Governor's actions and the Labor Department's investigations are to determine whether the workers separated from employment on or after December 8, 1993 (date of enactment of Pub. L. 103-182) are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Subchapter D of the Trade Act because of increased imports from or the shift in production to Mexico or Canada.

The petitioners or any other persons showing a substantial interest in the subject matter of the investigations may request a public hearing with the Acting Director of OTAA at the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) in Washington, D.C. provided such request if filed in writing with the Acting Director of OTAA not later than December 14, 1998.

Also, interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the subject matter of the petitions to the Acting Director of OTAA at the address shown below not later than December 14, 1998.

Petitions filed with the Governors are available for inspection at the Office of the Acting Director, OTAA, ETA, DOL, Room C-4318, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20210.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 18th day of November, 1998.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.