

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training Administration**

[NAFTA-3265]

**Georgia-Pacific Corporation Bellingham, WA; Notice of Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration**

By letter of October 5, 1999, the Association of Western Pulp and Paper Workers on behalf of Local 194, requested administrative reconsideration of the Department of Labor's Notice of Negative Determination Regarding Eligibility to Apply for NAFTA-Transitional Adjustment Assistance (NAFTA-3265) for workers of the subject firm. The denial notice was signed on August 10, 1999, and published in the **Federal Register** on September 29, 1999 (64 FR 52542).

The Union presents evidence that warrants examination of imports of articles competitive with the liquefied chlorine gas produced by workers of the subject firm.

**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 27th day of October 1999.

**Edward A. Tomchick,**  
Program Manager, Office of Trade  
Adjustment Assistance.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment Standards Administration****Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Survey of Physicians Board Certified in Internal Medicine with a Subspecialty in Pulmonary Medicine, Pulmonary Clinics and Facilities**

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and the burden placed on survey recipients, the Department of Labor 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 (PRA 95) [44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)(A)]. The program helps to ensure that the data requested can be provided in the desired format, that the reporting burden (in terms of time and financial resources) is minimized, that collection instruments are clearly understood, and that the impact of the proposed collection on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Employment Standards Administration is soliciting comment concerning a one-time survey of physicians, pulmonary clinics and facilities.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted by January 3, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments are to be submitted to James L. DeMarce, Director, Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation Programs, Room C-3520, Frances Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Ave., N.W. Washington, DC 20210. They may also be sent by facsimile to (202) 693-1398.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Copies of the information collection request are available for inspection in the Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation, and will be mailed or sent by facsimile to persons who request copies by telephoning James L. DeMarce at (202) 693-0046.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Background**

On October 8, 1999, the Department published a notice of proposed rulemaking containing proposed revisions to the rules governing the adjudication of claims under the Black Lung Benefits Act, 30 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.* 64 FR 54965-55072 (Oct. 8, 1999). In proposing these revisions, the Department announced that it intends to seek additional information on two subjects from physicians, pulmonary clinics and facilities that perform medical evaluations of claimant eligibility. First, the Department would like to ascertain the extent to which such physicians, clinics and facilities use spirometers that are capable of producing a flow-volume loop. See 64 FR 54975. In addition, the Department seeks information on the fees necessary to attract highly qualified physicians to perform the medical testing and evaluation that the Department is required to provide under the Black Lung Benefits Act. See 64 FR 54989. The information obtained from this survey will assist the Department in administering the program.

**II. Desired Focus of Comments**

The Agency 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 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 the possible use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**III. Current Action**

This notice requests comment on the proposed survey to be conducted by the Department in connection with its notice of proposed rulemaking.

*Type of Review:* Regular Submission (new).

*Agency:* Employment Standards Administration.

*Title:* Survey of Physicians Board Certified in Internal Medicine with a subspecialty in Pulmonary Medicine, Pulmonary Clinics and Facilities.

*OMB Number:* New.

*Affected Public:* Physicians Board Certified in Internal Medicine with a subspecialty in Pulmonary Medicine, pulmonary clinics and facilities.

*Frequency:* Once.

*Total Respondents:* 2,000.

*Average Time per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden hours:* 333.3 hours.

*Total Annualized capital/startup costs:* 0.

*Total Operation and Maintenance costs:* \$360.00.

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

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 29th day of October, 1999.

**T. Michael Kerr,**

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Employment Standards.

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