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\$667,000 in UI Mod funds to USVI	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/pr ess/eta/eta20101155.htm	Press Release	US Labor Department announces release of more than \$667,000 in unemployment insurance modernization incentive funds to US Virgin Islands	The U.S. Department of Labor today certified for release \$667,637 in unemployment insurance modernization incentive funds to the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Virgin Islands qualified for a portion of the territory's share of the funds available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act by updating its unemployment law to allow workers to use recent earnings to qualify for benefits.  "I applaud the U.S. Virgin Islands for updating its unemployment insurance laws to better meet the needs of workers across Saint Croix, Saint John, Saint Thomas, Water Island and other areas," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "Many Virgin Islanders, who did not normally qualify for unemployment benefits, now will be eligible to receive this vital income support as they seek out new jobs."  The U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Labor can use the funds to pay unemployment benefits or, if appropriated by the legislature, to administer its unemployment insurance program or deliver employment services.  "We are extremely pleased by today's U.S. Labor Department announcement," said Gov. John P. de Jongh Jr. "My administration prioritized updating the UI program for the U.S. Virgin Islands, and we are confident the new law will be of great benefit to our workforce. I thank the secretary of labor for the release of unemployment insurance		unemployment; funding;

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Proposed rule on workers repairing vessels	http://www.doi.gov/opa/media/pr ess/OWCP/OWCP20101112.htm	Press Release	who repair recreational vessels	The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a notice of proposed rulemaking implementing changes in the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act as mandated by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.  Previously, the Longshore Act excluded several specific groups of workers from coverage when those workers were subject to a state workers' compensation program. Workers repairing recreational vessels fewer than 65 feet in length were one of the excluded groups, but workers who repaired recreational vessels 65 feet or longer were protected by the Longshore Act.  Language in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 changed this exclusion so that the Longshore Act now excludes all workers who repair recreational vessels or dismantle them for repair, regardless of the length of the vessel on which they work. The proposed regulation defines terms such as "recreational vessel" and addresses whether workers who perform tasks in addition to those within the excluded categories are otherwise covered under the Longshore Act. Written comments regarding the proposed regulation can be submitted to the Labor Department until Oct. 18, 2010.  To read the notice of proposed rulemaking or submit a	8/17/2010 2:00PM	workers;proposed rule;
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