

of Labor on matters pertaining to the implementation and further elaboration of the NAALC, the labor side accord to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The Committee is authorized under Article 17 of the NAALC.

The Committee consists of 12 independent representatives drawn from among labor organizations, business and industry, educational institutions, and the general public.

DATES: The Committee will meet on December 7, 1999 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESS: U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Conference Room C-5515-C, Washington, D.C. 20210. The meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Irasema Garza, designated Federal Officer, U.S. NAO, U.S. Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room C-4327, Washington, D.C. 20210. Telephone 202-501-6653 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Please refer to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 15, 1994 (59 FR 64713) for supplementary information.

Signed at Washington, DC on November 1, 1999.

Irasema T. Garza,

Secretary, U.S. National Administrative Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-36, 202 and TA-W-36,202A]

Thunderbird Mining, Eveleth, and Forbes, MN; Notice of Negative Determination on Reconsideration

On August 11, 1999, the Department issued an Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration for the workers and former workers of the subject firm. The United Steelworkers of America (USWA), Local Union 6860, provided new information regarding possible customer import purchases of articles like or directly competitive with the taconite pellets produced by workers of the subject firm. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on August 31, 1999 (64 FR 47525).

The Department initially denied TAA to workers of Thunderbird Mining

producing taconite pellets because the "contributed importantly" group eligibility requirement of Section 222(3) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, was not met. The petitioners alleged that imports of steel led to worker separations from the subject firm. Imports of taconite pellets must be used as the basis for possible certification. The investigation revealed that the major domestic customers of the subject firm reported either that they did not import or that their imports declined in 1999. U.S. imports of agglomerated iron ores and concentrates (other than roasted iron pyrites) declined in the first quarter of 1999 compared with the same period of 1998.

To address the USWA Local Union 6860 assertion that Thunderbird Mining customers are importing products like or directly competitive with the taconite pellets produced in Eveleth and Forbes, Minnesota, the Department conducted another survey of the subject firms' major declining customers. The respondents reported that no products were purchased from domestic or foreign sources to replace taconite pellets in the relevant time period (1997, 1998, and January through April 1998 and 1999).

Conclusion

After reconsideration, I affirm the original notice of negative determination of eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance for workers and former workers of Thunderbird Mining, Eveleth and Forbes, Minnesota.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 11 day of September 1999.

Grant D. Beale,

Program Manager, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 99F-4694]

Rohm and Haas Co.; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Rohm and Haas Co. has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of 2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one as an antimicrobial additive for

adhesives, paper additives, and paper coatings that are intended to contact food.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark A. Hepp, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-215), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3098.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a food additive petition (FAP 0B4699) has been filed by Rohm and Haas Co., 100 Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 19106. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 175.105 *Adhesives* (21 CFR 175.105) and § 176.170 *Components of paper and paperboard in contact with aqueous and fatty foods* (21 CFR 176.170) to provide for the safe use of 2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one as an antimicrobial additive for adhesives, paper additives, and paper coatings that are intended to contact food.

The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(q) that this action is of a type that does not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.

Dated: October 26, 1999.

Alan M. Rulis,

Director, Office of Premarket Approval, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

[Application No. D-10676, et al.]

Proposed Exemptions; Anvil Construction Company, Inc. Employee's Money Purchase Pension Plan (the Money Purchase Plan), Anvil Construction Co., Employee Profit Sharing Plan (the Profit Sharing Plan), William Andreassi, Mark Andreassi, Michael Andreassi, and Wayne Campbell

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of proposed exemptions.

SUMMARY: This document contains notices of pendency before the Department of Labor (the Department) of