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• May 19, 2021. OFLC Announces 60-Day Public Comment Period on Proposed Revision to the CW-1 Application for Temporary Employment Certification

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) published a 60-day notice in the *Federal Register* announcing its intent to revise this information collection, by amending the Form ETA-9141C, *Application for Prevailing Wage Determination*, and its instructions, to make sure this form, which is specific to the CW-1 program, conforms to the information collected through the general Form ETA-9141, *Application for Prevailing Wage Determination* (Form ETA-9141C), which is generally used by employers in connection with prevailing wage requests for other labor certification application programs and for labor condition applications. The information collected through the Form ETA-9142C,

CW-1 Application for Temporary Employment Certification (Form ETA-9142C), and its instructions, remain unchanged. The *Federal Register* notice informs the public of the Department's request to seek an extension of the validity of this information collection while also revising the Form-9141C, and its instructions, and invites comments from the public for 60 days.

Written comments must be submitted in accordance with the *Federal Register* notice instructions. The deadline to submit comments is Monday, July 19.

- o <u>View Federal Register Notice</u>
- o <u>View Supporting Statement</u>
- o View Form ETA-9141C
- o View Form ETA-9141C Instructions
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- o View Form ETA-9142C Instructions
- o View Form ETA-9142C, Appendix A
- o View Form ETA-9142C, Appendix B
- View Form ETA-9142C, Appendix C

May 13, 2021. The Department of Labor Announces an 18-Month Delay in Effective Date of Final Rule Affecting Wages for H-1B and PERM Workers

The Department of Labor (Department) has published a final rule delaying the effective date of the <u>Final Rule</u>, <u>Strengthening Wage Protections for the Temporary and Permanent Employment of Certain Aliens in the United States</u>, published on January 14, 2021, 86 FR 3608, for a period of eighteen months. This action, which includes corresponding delays to the Final Rule's transition dates, follows an initial 60-day delay announced on March 12, 2021.

The Department's <u>Request for Information</u> issued last month will inform further action on the Final Rule and/or the development of a future notice of proposed rulemaking to revise the computation of prevailing wage levels in these programs.

- View the Final Rule Delaying the Effective Date to November 14, 2022
- May 6, 2021. U.S. Department of Labor Publishes
 Proposed Rule to Amend its Regulations on the
 Adjudication of Temporary and Seasonal Need for
 Range Occupations Under the H-2A Program

The Department of Labor published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in the *Federal Register* that proposes to amend its regulations regarding the adjudication of temporary need for employers seeking herding or production of livestock on the range job opportunities under the H-2A program. Consistent with the court-approved settlement agreement in *Hispanic Affairs Project, et al. v. Perez et al.*, No. 15-cv-1562 (D.D.C.), the NPRM proposes to rescind the regulation that governs the period of need for such job opportunities to ensure the Department's adjudication of temporary or seasonal need is conducted in the same manner for all applications for temporary agricultural labor certification. Public comments on the proposal must be received by Monday, June 7, 2021. For more information, please see the link below.

- View the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
- April 30, 2021. OFLC Announces a Reminder to Filers of