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- **October 29, 2010. DOL is Extending the Comment Period for the H-2B Rulemaking:** The Department will publish in the Federal Register a notice extending the comment period on a recently published proposed rule - Wage Methodology for the Temporary Non-agricultural Employment in the H-2B Program, 75 FR 61578 (October 5, 2010). In an order dated October 27, 2010, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in *Comit  de Apoyo a los Trabajadores Agrícolas (CATA) v. Solis, et al.*, Civil No. 2:09-cv-240-LP, 2010 WL 3431761 (E.D. Pa.) extended the deadline by which the Department must promulgate the final rule until January 18, 2011. In order to provide the public with additional time to comment on the NPRM and to ensure that the Department has adequate time to review and address the comments, the Department has extended the public comment period through November 12, 2010. To read the text of the proposed rule and to learn how to submit comments, please [click here](#).
- **October 27, 2010.** The Department has released *The Foreign Labor Certification Report: 2009 Data, Trends and Highlights Across Programs and States* (2009 Annual Report). The 2009 Annual Report presents employment-based immigration program data drawn from applications submitted to the Department by employers across the country. To read or download a copy of the 2009 Annual Report, please [click here](#).
- **October 13, 2010. H-2B Regulation Mailbox Temporarily Suspended:** The Office of Foreign Labor Certification has temporarily suspended its H-2B.Regulation@dol.gov mailbox. The H-2B Regulation mailbox was temporarily suspended to avoid inadvertent and/or incorrect submission of comments on the recently published Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on the Wage Methodology for the Temporary Non-agricultural Employment in the H-2B Program. The NPRM includes instructions on how to appropriately submit public comments on the proposed rulemaking. To read the text of the NPRM and learn how to submit comments, please [click here](#).
- **October 12, 2010. PERM ROUND 12 FAQs:** The Department has posted new Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) addressing employer point of contact requirements. To view or download a PDF copy of the PERM Round 12 FAQs, please [click here](#). The new FAQs are also separately available [here](#) on the FAQs page of the OFLC website under the PERM Program heading and the Filing - How to File subheading.
- **October 5, 2010. H-2B Prevailing Wage NPRM:** The Department has published in the *Federal Register* a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on the Wage Methodology for the Temporary Non-agricultural Employment in the H-2B Program. The NPRM proposes to revise the methodology by which the Department calculates the prevailing wages to be paid to H-2B workers and U.S. workers recruited in connection with a temporary labor certification. The Department is accepting comments on the proposed rulemaking until Thursday, November 4,