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- 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, 2010. To read the text of the NPRM and learn how to submit comments, please [click here](#).

Read the news release [here](#).

- October 1, 2010. H-2A FAQs: Clarification of the Fifty Percent Rule.** The Department has posted Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) interpreting the 2010 Final Rule requirement under 20 CFR § 655.135(d), that the employer hire any able, willing, qualified and available U.S. worker who applies for the employer's job opportunity before the end of the first 50 percent of the contract period, i.e. the 50 percent rule. To view or download a PDF copy of the FAQs, please [click here](#). The new FAQs are also separately available [here](#) on the FAQs page of the OFLC website under the H-2A Temporary Labor Certification Program (Agricultural) heading, and the Job Offers, Assurances and Obligations subheading.
- September 30, 2010. Prevailing Wage: Validity Period for H-2B prevailing wage determinations.** On August 30, 2010, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in AITLA InfoNet Doc. No. 10101368. (Posted 10/13/10)