

**Question:** Will the Office of Foreign Labor Certification (OFLC) allow for extensions of response deadlines or other reasonable case-accommodations in light of the damage done by Hurricane Matthew?

**Answer:** Yes. We recognize that Hurricane Matthew generated significant damage to businesses in the mid-Atlantic region, closing businesses and offices particularly in North Carolina, but impacting other areas as well. The OFLC has established internal procedures that recognize, as a result of the storm, employers and/or their representative(s) may not be able to timely respond to a request for information or documentation, such as an audit, etc. Accordingly, we will individually review requests for extensions of time to respond that arise from storm-related conditions, including delays caused as a result of the storm, as well as those delays that may have occurred as a result of storm preparations in the week before the storm.

If you are an employer or an authorized representative and Hurricane Matthew has affected your ability to timely respond to a formal OFLC program inquiry, please use the appropriate e-mail address below to submit your request for an extension of time to respond. The correspondence received from the OFLC notes contact information including mailing addresses and facsimile numbers that may also be used. Also, please follow the OFLC web site at <http://www.foreignlaborcert.doleta.gov/> for additional information.

- Any questions, requests for extensions in replying to audits, etc. from the OFLC Chicago National Processing Center related to **H-2A Temporary Agriculture Program, H-2B Temporary Nonagricultural Program or H-1B Specialty Occupations Program**, please use the following e-mail:  
[TLC.chicago@dol.gov](mailto:TLC.chicago@dol.gov)  
Subject: **Hurricane Matthew** or telephone the Center at (312) 886-8000
- Any questions, requests for extensions, etc. related to the issuance of a **prevailing wage determination** from OFLC's National Prevailing Wage Center, please use the following e-mail:  
[FLC.PWD@dol.gov](mailto:FLC.PWD@dol.gov)  
Subject: **Hurricane Matthew** or telephone the Center at (202) 693-8200
- Any questions, requests for extensions, etc. related to responding to audits, supervised recruitment instructions, including draft advertisements, etc. related to the **Permanent Labor Certification Program (PERM)**, please use the following e-mail:  
[PermHurricane@dol.gov](mailto:PermHurricane@dol.gov)  
Subject: **Hurricane Matthew** or telephone the Center at (404) 893-0101

Also, an H-2A or H-2B employer may be eligible to request relief from the Chicago National Processing Center Certifying Officer to terminate work to be performed under the job order and/or work contracts with employees before the end date of work under the "contract

impossibility” provisions found in the Department’s regulations at 20 CFR 655.122(o) (H-2A) and 20 CFR 655.20(g) (H-2B) and discussed in the Department’s FAQs available [here](#).