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TO:

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ROUTING:

Labor Surplus Area List (Due to DOL: 5/30/03)

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR REMARKS:

Due date to the Department of Labor extended to
5/30/03.

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Ms. Patricia G. Norry
Deputy Executive Director for Mgt. Services
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of the Executive Director for Operations
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Ms. Norry:

The Department of Labor (DOL) is assessing the use and value of its labor surplus area (LSA) list to assure that it is meeting user needs. Pursuant to Executive Order 12073 and Executive Order 10582, subparts A and B, as implemented in 20 CFR §654, the Secretary of Labor is required to classify LSAs for use by Federal executive agencies in directing procurement activities in areas of high unemployment. DOL publishes the list of eligible labor surplus areas annually.

It is our understanding that the list is used by federal agencies to assign priority and/or "set-asides" in procurement actions. In addition, we understand that the list is used in some programs for other purposes such as awarding grants, determining food stamp eligibility, and granting loans. However, it is possible that the requirement to use LSAs relative to procurement may have been rendered obsolete by the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994. We also understand that a similar classification system used by Housing and Urban Development, called HUD Zones, may have replaced the LSA for some purposes.

To better determine the actual uses of the LSA list, we would appreciate the following information:

1. If your agency uses the LSA list, how it is used, and under what authority.
2. The impact to your agency if the annual publication of the list of LSAs were discontinued.
3. Any information your agency collects on the impact of using the LSA list (e.g., dollar amounts in federal procurement set asides, dollar amounts of grants or loans awarded in LSA areas, how LSA areas have benefited from the designation, etc.).
4. Any suggestions you may have for improving DOL's publication of the LSA list.
5. The name of a contact person with whom we may follow up if there are additional questions or issues to be addressed.



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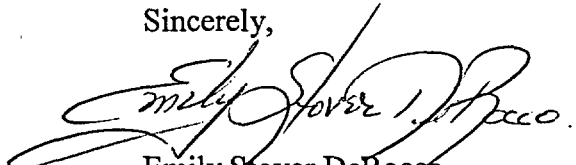
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We would appreciate your response no later than May 12, 2003. Please send your response to the attention of Donna Dye, U.S. Employment Services/ALMIS, Room S-4231, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20210.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, or want to meet to discuss it, please have a member of your staff contact Mr. Chris Bugbee, Senior Intergovernmental Officer, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, who will work with Anthony Dais, Acting Chief, U.S. Employment Service. Mr. Bugbee can be reached at (202) 693-4600.

Sincerely,



Emily Stover DeRocco

U.S. Department of Labor

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