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Sandra Winston, Director

April 29, 2004

TO: All Local Office Area Managers

SUBJECT: Certification Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

1. **Purpose:** To provide information about the Certification of Trade Adjustment Assistance for **TERRA NITROGEN CORPORATION, BLYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS.**
2. **General Information:** The Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance issued a Certification on **April 15, 2004.** Employees of this company are eligible to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance under the Trade Act of 2002. Below is the information concerning the TAA Certification.

TERRA NITROGEN CORPORATION, BLYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS	
Petition Filing Date:	April 02, 2004
Petition Number:	TA-W-54, 667
Impact Date:	April 02, 2003
Certification Date:	April 15, 2004
Termination Date:	April 15, 2006

A Legal Notice announcing the Certification will run in a newspaper of general circulation. Employees and former employees will be mailed letters requesting that they contact their nearest local office concerning benefits available under the Trade Act of 2002. WIA staff will be advised to coordinate training activities with ESD. Local Office Managers shall ensure that adversely affected workers are offered the full range of employability services such as counseling, testing, training, job referral, placement, job-search, job relocation assistance and TRA.

3. **Action Required:** Please notify the appropriate members of your staff regarding the contents of this issuance and coordinate training activities with the WIA Provider..
4. **Inquiries:** Direct any questions concerning this memorandum to the TAA Unit at (501) 682-3227.
5. **Attachment:** Certification for **TERRA NITROGEN CORPORATION, BLYTHEVILLE, AR.**
6. **Expiration Date:** April 15, 2006.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

TA-W-54,667

TERRA NITROGEN CORPORATION
A SUBSIDIARY OF TERRA INDUSTRIES, INC.
BLYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS

Certification Regarding Eligibility
To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and
Negative Determination Regarding Eligibility to Apply for
Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 USC 2273), the Department of Labor herein presents the results of its investigation regarding certification of eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance.

In order to make an affirmative determination and issue a certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance, the group eligibility requirements in either paragraph (a)(2)(A) or (a)(2)(B) of Section 222 of the Trade Act must be met. It is determined in this case that the requirements of (a)(2)(A) of Section 222 have been met.

The investigation was initiated on April 5, 2004, in response to a petition filed by a state workforce agent on behalf of workers of Terra Nitrogen Corporation, a subsidiary of Terra Industries, Inc., Blytheville, Arkansas. The workers at the subject firm produce urea, ammonia, and nitrogen solutions.

The investigation revealed that sales, production, and employment at the subject firm declined from 2002 to 2003 and from January through March 2003 to January through March 2004.

The Department of Labor surveyed the subject firm's major customers regarding their purchases of urea, ammonia, and nitrogen solutions in 2002, 2003 and January through March 2004. This survey revealed increases in import purchases of urea, ammonia, and nitrogen solutions.

In accordance with Section 246 the Trade Act of 1974 (26 USC 2813), as amended, the Department of Labor herein presents the results of its investigation regarding certification of eligibility to apply for alternative trade adjustment assistance (ATAA) for older workers.

The group eligibility criteria for the ATAA program that the Department must consider under Section 246 of the Trade Act are:

1. Whether a significant number of workers in the workers' firm are 50 years of age or older.
2. Whether the workers in the workers' firm possess skills that are not easily transferable.
3. The competitive conditions within the workers' industry (i.e., conditions within the industry are adverse).

The Department has determined that criterion 2 has not been met. The investigation revealed that the workers at the subject firm possess skills that are easily transferable.

Conclusion

After careful review of the facts obtained in the investigation, I determine that increases of imports of articles like or directly competitive produced by Terra Nitrogen Corporation, a subsidiary of Terra Industries, Inc., Blytheville, Arkansas, contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of workers and to the decline in sales or

production and at that firm or subdivision. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, I make the following certification:

"All workers of Terra Nitrogen Corporation, a subsidiary of Terra Industries, Inc., Blytheville, Arkansas, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after April 2, 2003 through two years from the date of certification are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974."

I further determine that all workers of Terra Nitrogen Corporation, a subsidiary of Terra Industries, Inc., Blytheville, Arkansas, are denied eligibility to apply for alternative trade adjustment assistance under Section 246 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended."

Signed in Washington, D.C., this 15th day of April, 2004.

/s/ Linda G. Poole

LINDA G. POOLE
Certifying Officer, Division of
Trade Adjustment Assistance