



## Alabama Department of Labor

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### **EMPLOYEES OF U.S. STEEL MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADDITIONAL BENEFITS**

FAIRFIELD, ALABAMA – Workers of United States Steel Corporation – Fairfield Works and Fairfield Tubular Operations, a wholly owned subsidiary of United States Steel Corporation, located in Fairfield, Alabama, who were engaged in activities related to the production of flat roll steel products (Fairfield Works) and oil country tubular goods (OCTG) tubing and casing (Fairfield Tubular), may be eligible for benefits under the federal Trade Adjustment Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2015 (TAARA 2015). A petition filed on behalf of workers of United States Steel Corporation – Fairfield Works and Fairfield Tubular Operations, in Fairfield, Alabama was certified by the U.S. Department of Labor on October 21, 2016, according to Secretary of Labor Fitzgerald Washington, Alabama Department of Labor.

The U.S. Department of Labor found that the workers may have become unemployed because United States Steel Corporation – Fairfield Works and Fairfield Tubular Operations are a supplier to a firm that produces and supplies directly to another firm component parts for articles, or services used in the production of articles or in the supply of services that were the basis for such certification. The petition covers periods of unemployment occurring on or after July 3, 2016 through October 21, 2018. Under the TAARA 2015 Act, displaced workers may be eligible for benefits such as training, job search and relocation assistance, and Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC). For additional information on the HCTC, they can visit the IRS website at [www.irs.gov/HCTC](http://www.irs.gov/HCTC).

If workers have exhausted their cash benefits under other state and federal unemployment compensation programs, they could be eligible for additional weekly benefits equivalent to the amount they were receiving under other programs. In order to receive Trade Readjustment Allowance (TRA) benefits, workers must enroll in training within 26 weeks of the certification date or their last qualifying separation or a waiver of the training requirement must be granted by the state Employment Service Division of the Alabama Department of Labor.

United States Steel Corporation – Fairfield Works and Fairfield Tubular Operations were also certified for Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance (RTAA). Employees who are 50 years of age and older, who obtain full time employment after their separation from the affected employer, may be eligible for training and allowances under the RTAA program.

Washington stated that potentially eligible individuals will be notified individually as soon as they are identified.

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