

## Chapter 3 - Petition and Certification Process

### Section 3-1: General Information

Worker group eligibility for all TAA programs is determined by the USDOL, in response to a petition for services. A TAA petition can be filed by any of the following: a group of three adversely affected workers, company official, union official, state workforce office, One-Stop operator/partner, or an authorized representative for one of the aforementioned parties.

Detailed petition filing instructions, including both online and printable petitions, can be found on the [USDOL website](#).

The WDA provides assistance with completing and filing TAA petitions to the MWAs, company officials, and/or affected workers. For assistance on petition inquiries, please contact Ms. Taylor Gantz, TAA State Coordinator, at 517-930-6456 or [gantzt@michigan.gov](mailto:gantzt@michigan.gov).

Upon receipt of a petition, the USDOL assigns a petition number, a unique identifying number, which is then used throughout the life of the petition to identify provisions available to adversely affected workers.

#### Identify TAA Law by Petition Number:

TA-W 69,999 and below TAA of 2002

TA-W 70,000 - 79,999 TGAAA of 2009

TA-W 80,000 – 80,999 TAAEA of 2011

\* TA-W 81,000 – 84,999 TAAEA of 2011

\*\*TA-W 85,000 – and above TAARA of 2015)

**\*Please Note:** An exception exists for adversely affected workers covered by certifications between TA-W 80,000 – 80,999. The 2009 Amendments expired on February 12, 2011, at which time the program reverted to operating under 2002 Amendments. Between 2/12/2011 – 10/21/2011, the Department certified, and states served workers under 2002 Amendments. The 2011 Amendments included a provision allowing workers covered under this certification series who were receiving benefits under 2002 Amendments on or before December 20, 2011, to make a one-time choice (between December 20, 2011 and March 19, 2012) to continue being served under the 2002 Program or to receive the 2011 program level of benefits and services. Therefore, if a participant is certified under this petition range, the MWA should verify which TAA Amendment benefits should be provided.

**\*\*Please Note:** Reversion 2014, originally in effect January 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015, reverted to the Trade Act of 2002 law and policies (with some exceptions). Adversely affected workers with petition numbers 85,000-89,999 were originally served under Reversion 2014. On June 29, 2015, President Obama signed into law the TAARA of 2015 with a commencement date of January 1, 2014, (in essence, backdating the start of TAARA of 2015 and canceling Reversion 2014). Adversely affected workers with petition numbers 85,000-89,999 were converted to the TAARA of 2015 program on September 28, 2015, and are served under TAARA of 2015 only.

### **Section 3-2: Notification to Certified Workers**

Subsequent to the notice of a TAA certification, the WDA will request the required worker separation lists from the TAA-certified employer. Once the required information is received, the WDA will upload the worker separation list into the OSMIS Eligibility Table. Once the separation list is available in the Eligibility Table, the WDA will make contact with the administratively responsible MWA for notification purposes.

The administratively responsible MWA must then access the Eligibility Table in the OSMIS to obtain the separation list of adversely affected employees identified at the TAA-certified employer. The MWA should provide all workers included on the separation (including workers that are currently working at the TAA-certified company and have received written notice of a lack of work separation) notification advising them of the following:

- 1) The individual groups covered by the certification.
- 2) Name and address/location of the adversely affected worker's firm.
- 3) Impact, certification, and expiration date specified in the certification document.
- 4) Explanation of how to apply for benefits and service.
- 5) When and where to apply, and who to contact for additional information.

The Form TAA-602: *Notice of Certification* may be used for this purpose.