

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

Answer: Yes. We recognize that Hurricane Sandy generated significant damage to businesses up and down the East Coast, closing businesses and offices particularly in New York and New Jersey 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 Sandy 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 the programs below, please use the following e-mail:

TLC.chicago@dol.gov

Subject: **Hurricane Sandy or telephone the Center at (312) 886-8000**

H-2A Temporary Agriculture Program

H-2B Temporary Nonagricultural Program

H-1B Specialty Occupations Program

- 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

Subject: **Hurricane Sandy 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 program below, please use the following e-mail:

PermSandy@dol.gov

Subject: **Hurricane Sandy or telephone the Center at (404) 893-0101**

Permanent Labor Certification Program (PERM)

- Last, **USCIS Reminds Individuals Affected by Hurricane Sandy of Temporary Immigration Relief Measures to visit their web site for guidance at:**

<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.5af9bb95919f35e66f614176543f6d1a/?vgnextoid=4a2c5cb3071ca310VgnVCM100000082ca60aRCD&vgnnextchannel=e7801c2c9be44210VgnVCM100000082ca60aRCD>