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Manufacturers: OSHA's Withdrawal of Noise Proposal a Positive Step for Job Growth

Excessive Government Regulations Have Slowed Economic Recovery

WASHINGTON, D.C., January 19, 2011 – National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) Vice President for Human Resources Policy Joe Trauger issued the following statement today regarding the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) withdrawal of its proposed changes to noise control requirements:

“OSHA's withdrawal of this unnecessary proposal is a clear sign that the agency heeded the calls of manufacturers regarding the economic impact of these expensive and burdensome noise control requirements. Manufacturers are committed to protecting their employees, but there is no evidence that this proposal would have enhanced workplace safety.

Manufacturers hope this decision signals that OSHA will slow down on other costly and unwarranted rules that will crush economic growth and job creation. Today's announcement is an important step in beginning to restore the collaborative relationship between OSHA and employers that has proven over the years to be the most effective approach to improving workplace safety.

With the unemployment rate still hovering at unacceptable levels, we encourage the Administration to continue its focus on reducing excessive government regulations to clear the way for job creation.”

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