

NDA and Coalition Urge DOL to Abandon New Overtime Rulemaking

On Wednesday, NDA and the Partnership to Protect Workplace Opportunity (PPWO) coalition [sent comments](#) to the Department of Labor (DOL) urging them to abandon or at least postpone issuance of its announced proposed rulemaking altering the overtime regulations under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). The DOL's Fall 2022 Regulatory Agenda has targeted this May for release of a proposed rule.

The coalition's comments highlighted concerns regarding supply chain disruptions, workforce shortages, inflationary pressures, and the shifting dynamics of the American workforce following the COVID-19 pandemic. The coalition believes any rule change now would threaten a particularly vulnerable and recovering economy.

NDA continues to track the DOL's potential rulemaking on overtime pay and will be prepared to respond on behalf of the demolition industry.

House Committee Approves NDA-Backed Supply Chain Legislation

On Tuesday, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee voted to approve a slate of NDA-backed measures to bolster the nation's supply chain and protect the economy from future supply chain disruptions. These bills would direct agencies to prioritize projects that strengthen the supply chain, streamline the environmental review process for infrastructure projects, and improve the movement of goods by land and sea. A full list of bills can be [found here](#).

In February of this year, [NDA lobbied the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee](#) to take up legislation that would strengthen the nation's supply chain and streamline the environmental review and permitting process for infrastructure projects. These bills now head to the House floor for a vote among the full chamber. NDA will continue to lobby both the House and Senate to pass this legislation.

Biden Administration Announces \$315 Million for Brownfield Projects

This week, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [announced](#) more than \$315 million to expedite the assessment and cleanup of brownfield sites across the country. EPA selected 262 communities to receive 267 grants totaling more than \$215 million in competitive EPA Brownfields funding through the Multipurpose, Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup (MARC) Grant programs. This is the largest ever funding awarded in the history of the EPA's Brownfields MARC Grant programs. NDA successfully lobbied for increased funding of brownfield cleanups in the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

In addition, the EPA announced \$45 million in non-competitive supplemental funding to 22 successful existing Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grant programs to help expedite their continued work at sites across the country. The EPA also announced selections of five Brownfields Technical Assistance Providers and three recipients of Brownfields Research Grants, who are receiving \$55 million to strengthen technical assistance.