

Impact of Sequester on Services at Division of Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Program:

To DLHWC Customers and Stakeholders,

As you are likely aware, due to the failure of Congress to reach a deal on balanced deficit reduction to avoid sequestration, the President on March 1 was required by law to issue a sequestration order canceling approximately \$85 billion in budgetary resources across the Federal Government for the remainder of the Federal fiscal year. This notice provides information about the impact of these automatic spending cuts on the Division of Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Program. To optimize resources in a manner that sustains our core mission to review and monitor injury/illness claims, facilitate dispute resolution and to make timely and accurate payments from the Special Funds, a decision has been made to suspend all travel by DLHWC Staff until further notice. This may have an adverse impact on the timeliness of case review and dispute resolution activities.

**In addition, all DLHWC Staff will be furloughed up to six days in FY 2013. Furlough days will be taken on a rotating basis in an effort to minimize the impact on customer service. Please be aware that payments to benefit recipients from the Special Fund will remain on schedule.**

If you have general questions, please contact the DLHWC National Office at 202-693-0038. For services related to a case handled in one of our District Offices, please contact the District Office directly. Click here for the Longshore Contact Map for address and phone number. <http://www.dol.gov/owcp/dlhwc/lcontactmap.htm>.