

SHEET METAL WORKERS LOCAL NO. 224 PENSION FUND
2015 NOTICE OF ENDANGERED STATUS
April 2015

On March 30, 2015, the actuary for the Sheet Metal Workers Local No. 224 Pension Fund ("Plan") certified to the United States Department of the Treasury, and also to the Plan Sponsor ("Board of Trustees"), that the Plan is in endangered status for the 2015 Plan Year. The 2015 Plan Year began on January 1, 2015 and ends December 31, 2015. Federal law requires that you receive this Notice.

Endangered Status

Last year, you were notified that the Plan was in critical status for the 2014 Plan Year. To get out of critical status, the Plan must pass the "Emergence Test". In order to pass this test, the Plan cannot have a projected funding deficiency in the current Plan Year or any of the nine succeeding Plan Years. As of January 1, 2015, the Plan's actuary has certified that the Plan no longer has a projected funding deficiency. Therefore, the Plan has emerged from critical status.

The Plan is considered to be in endangered status for the 2015 Plan Year because its funded ratio is less than 80%.

Funding Improvement Plan

Federal law requires pension plans in endangered status to adopt a funding improvement plan aimed at improving the plan's funded percentage. A funding improvement plan can include: (1) the reduction or even the elimination of future benefit accruals, and/or (2) increases in the hourly contribution rate.

The Board of Trustees will be required to adopt a funding improvement plan. However, the actions adopted under the rehabilitation plan enacted when the Plan was in critical status are expected to be sufficient for the Plan to emerge from endangered status. Therefore, it is expected that the Plan's funding improvement plan will not require any further changes in benefits or increases in the hourly contribution rate.

You can request a copy of the Plan's funding improvement plan and the actuarial and financial data that demonstrate any action taken by the Plan toward fiscal improvement by contacting the Benefit Office.

Where to Get More Information

For more information about this Notice, you can contact the Fund Office at 4949 Northcutt Place, Dayton, Ohio 45414, or by calling 937-274-5881. For identification purposes, the official Plan Number is 001 and the Plan Sponsor's Employer Identification Number, or "EIN", is 31-6171353. You have the right to request a copy of the Plan's funding improvement plan and the actuarial and financial data that documents any action taken by the Plan toward fiscal improvement by contacting the Plan Administrator.