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U.S. Department Of Labor In Territory Investigating Wage Issues

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U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division (WHD) representatives are in St. Croix and St. Thomas this summer to investigate wage issues and provide compliance assistance related to recovery efforts following Hurricanes Maria and Irma, the U.S. D.O.L. made known in a release issued Wednesday.

WHD said it will review employers' compliance with the [McNamara-O'Hara Service Contract Act](#) (SCA), the [Davis-Bacon and Related Acts](#) (DBRA), [Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act](#) (CWHSSA), and the [Fair Labor Standards Act](#) (FLSA), including potential violations involving unpaid work hours, missed payroll, and/or failure to provide required wages and fringe benefits under federal service and construction

contracts.

“The U.S. Department of Labor continues working to ensure that employees performing hurricane recovery work receive the wages and benefits they have legally earned, and that employers compete on a level playing field,” said José Vazquez, WHD Caribbean district director. “We encourage employees and employers to contact us. Department officials are available to answer any questions they may have.”

Employees and employers who would like compliance information, who wish to meet with a Wage and Hour representative, have questions or concerns, or wish to file a [complaint](#), should contact WHD’s Caribbean District Office at 787-775-1947 or 1-866-4-USWAGE, or by [email](#). All contacts are confidential. Individuals seeking enforcement and compliance information should contact WHD as soon as possible.

For more information about the SCA and other laws enforced by the Division, contact its toll-free helpline at 866-4US-WAGE (487-9243). Information is also available at <http://www.dol.gov/whd> including a [search tool](#) for workers who may be owed back wages collected by WHD.