



# News Release

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## **U.S. Department of Labor Provides Hurricane-Related Outreach To U.S. Virgin Islands on Wage Compliance, Enforcement**

**GUAYNABO, PR** – The U.S. Department of Labor’s Wage and Hour Division will be on St. Croix and St. Thomas through March 21 to investigate wage issues and provide compliance assistance related to work done in connection with recovery efforts following Hurricanes Maria and Irma.

The Wage and Hour Division will investigate compliance with the [McNamara-O’Hara Service Contract Act](#) (SCA), the [Davis-Bacon and Related Acts](#) (DBRA), 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 Department of Labor will ensure that employees performing hurricane recovery work receive the wages and benefits they have legally earned,” said Jose R. Vazquez, Wage and Hour Division Caribbean District Director. “The Department provides numerous tools to help employers understand their legal responsibilities, and Department officials are available to answer any questions they may have.”

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

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](#) to use if you think you may be owed back wages collected by the Division.

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