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On Veterans Day, thanking all who served:

Here's how the Department of Labor helps veterans succeed:

Mine disaster drill

Rescue drills, along with state-of-the-art communications technology, are improving the odds of [saving miners' lives](#) and keeping rescuers out of harm's way in the event of a mine disaster.

DOL Working For You

What's wrong with this picture?

As an installer for DirecTV, Curtis Fulghum worked long hours without proper wages and was forced to pay for expenses like gas and tools. When the company claimed these violations were the fault of a contractor, we took them to court — and won.

[Read Curtis' story.](#)

National News

- \$3.2M grant for S.C. storm cleanup
- Penalties proposed in Dallas fatal fall
- \$4.5M to fight child labor in Ghana
- Calif. residential care workers owed wages
- Citation issued in amputation at Texas plant
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DOL in Action

- Apprentices help in Sandy recovery
- Empowering tribal governments
- \$6M fair labor project for Paraguay
- Home care rule outreach in Seattle
- Compliance training for Houston grocers
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Blog Highlights

Protecting lungs, lives

Workers should never have to worry that the air they breathe on the job will slowly destroy their lungs.

Job growth continues

October was the most robust month of job growth in 2015, with total nonfarm employment increasing by 271,000.

Ban the box

Employment is a stabilizing factor in life, and not having to check the box can make a huge difference for ex-offenders.

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