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HOA Pulse has more full text cases than any other site in the industry. New cases this week include:

Country Side Villas Homeowners Association v. Ivie—California

Grant-Fletcher v. McMullen & Drury, P.A.—Maryland

Polites v. Strath Haven Condominium Association—Pennsylvania

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Technical requirements for providing notice are explained at the DOL (Department of Labor) website. (After reading the notice, we're convinced that DOL is pronounced "dull." See if you can stay awake reading this notice. Guidance on the Notice to Employees of Coverage Options under Fair Labor Standards Act

But, even if you understand and follow this requirement, important questions still exist.

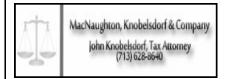
- How do you prove that you distributed the forms on a timely basis?
- Do you have employees sign acknowledgments of receiving the form? In an abundance of caution, we think the answer is yes, you should!
- Who is going to enforce this on behalf of the government? Probably the IRS
- Is the government presently prepared to enforce this provision? Apparently not, as there is not even any acknowledgment as to WHO is going to enforce it.
- Has an enforcement structure been created? No!

This situation keeps evolving. Last Wednesday, the SBA (Small Business Administration) could not respond to a question about whether or not a \$100 per day penalty would be assessed. On Thursday, <u>SBA posted a blog</u> (The following image is what you will see. Please note the date at the bottom):



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Edgehill Condos face potential risk, contractor says	An inspector brought in to look at the fuel-burning water heater and found the potential for carbon monoxide poisoning in their buildings.	Virginia
Housing Industry Veterans launch new advocacy organization, America's homeowner alliance	An advocacy group has been established to serve the nation's 75 million existing homeowners.	West Virginia
Court rules in favor of couple's right to display for sale sign	A court in Arizona has upheld the right of homeowners to place for sale signs in their yard.	Arizona
New water conservation law for homeowner associations	Numerous laws went into affect this week that will affect homeowners associations. One law stops associations from banning drought-tolerant landscaping and rain barrels.	Texas
Understand your home owner association rules, or else	Make sure to take a look at your association rules before you buy to determine if you can live with their regulations.	Pennsylvania
Kennedy to consider suspending homeowner foreclosure ordinance	A law firm in Boston is requesting from the Mayor to suspend enforcement of the city's foreclosure ordinance.	Massachusetts
Belmor mobile home park residents solve zoning issue	Residents of a mobile home park, who wanted zoning changes for their park, have come to a resolution with the ownership group.	Washington
Foreclosures close to home	A homeowner who is behind in paying her association dues faces foreclosure. She asks that author how the association has the right to do that.	National
Rogersville: Possible R2Z rezoning worries Leabrooke residents	Residents of a subdivision are concerned with having patio homes built near their homes.	Missouri
Frisco HOAs band together in fight against high-voltage lines	A group of homeowners associations have joined forces under the West Frisco Homeowners Coalition. They have joined forces to fight new high-voltage transmission lines from being built in their town.	Texas
Recent HOA laws affect foreclosures	This article highlights Assembly Bill 273 in Nevada. It is a complex law that revises the provisions of homeowners who enroll in the foreclosure mediation program.	Nevada
New state laws about HOAs voided	The Attorney General's Office in Arizona has agreed to not enforce new laws governing HOA's, claiming the laws were enacted illegally and are void.	Arizona
PD: HOA security guard shot trying to quell fight	A homeowners association security guard was shot trying to break up a fight. The security guard was unarmed and uniformed when he was found.	Arizona
Condo association sues children of deceased owner seeking \$5k in unpaid dues	A condominium association is suing the family of a deceased owner for non-payment of dues.	Louisiana
Owner, CFO of homeowner association management company accused of embez- zlement	A woman and her employer, the owner and CEO of a management group, were arrested and accused of embezzling nearly \$1 million from a Simi Valley homeowners association.	California