



New Labor Secretary, NLRB Point to More Activist Workplace Regulation

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On July 18, 2012, the U.S. Senate confirmed the new Secretary of Labor, Thomas Perez, and new EPA Director Gina McCarthy.

Along with two newly nominated Democrats who will be members of the National Labor Relations Board, the signs suggest that we may see an even more activist administration in labor, employment and safety matters.

New Secretary of Labor Perez is a former tough litigator and deal-maker from the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division. Based on his record, we seriously doubt that he will be as ineffectual as the previous Labor Secretary. Expect yet more support for OSHA's emphasis on whistle blowing claims, and for such claims in all Department of Labor agencies.

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