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U.S. Department of Labor Investigation Finds Workplace Exploitation of Employees with Disabilities

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) announced today that it has completed an investigation into how some federal contractors are exploiting their employees with disabilities. The investigation found that some federal contractors are exploiting their employees with disabilities by paying them less than the minimum wage, denying them overtime pay, and failing to provide them with necessary accommodations. The investigation also found that some federal contractors are exploiting their employees with disabilities by denying them access to the same benefits and opportunities as their non-disabled colleagues. The investigation was conducted by the DOL's Office of Labor-Management Standards and Compliance, which is responsible for enforcing the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and the Equal Pay Act (EPA). The results of the investigation will be published in a report that is expected to be released in the coming weeks.