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The Department of Labor (DOL) has advised that they are continuing to work on the PERM online system. The PERM system depends on a complicated computer software program that, based on the information submitted, will either approve, deny or refer a case for audit. As with any new computer software system, the PERM system has had a lot of problems which are still being identified as time goes on. The PERM system has been erroneously denying some petitions based on certain answers given on the ETA Form 9089. For example, the PERM system will deny any case in which a post office box address is type in instead of a physical address. Once the decision logic portion of the system is fixed, the DOL will run prior denials back through the corrected system in hopes that the petitions which were erroneously denied at the decision logic phase will proceed through the full PERM system. The DOL has advised it will issue notices on the cases in which a denial still results after running the petition through the corrected system.

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