

## China Undercuts U.S. Paper Jobs

The U.S. paper sector is facing difficult times. In the last decade, approximately 200,000 jobs were lost. That represents about a third of the total jobs. Those remaining face an increasingly uncertain future if current trends continue.

With over 100,000 Steelworkers employed in this sector, it is our members and the communities in which they live that are feeling the impact.

In many cases, our Union has successfully argued that China's violations of international trade laws have undermined many of our industries, including those in paper. A newly-released report supports our argument.

The report, *No Paper Tiger: Subsidies to China's Paper Industry from 2002-09*, shows the following:

- The Chinese government is providing massive subsidies to its paper industry, including \$33 billion in 2002-2009 alone. This has fueled their rapid rise in paper production, tripling output since 2000.
- When an industry is subsidized in this way, the product falsely appears lower-priced.
- China makes much more than they need, exporting the rest.
- When cheap, illegally subsidized product reaches the U.S. market, our American-manufactured paper companies struggle to remain competitive, plants close, jobs disappear and families and communities suffer.
- And, these illegal subsidies violate our international trade rules.

Policy makers must intervene now to preserve our remaining domestic paper sector jobs. That's why Rapid Response is currently taking this report to Congressional offices and requesting action.

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