

EnerSys workers get class status

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A federal judge has granted conditional class status to employees of EnerSys Energy Products Inc., the nation's biggest battery maker, in a case alleging overtime violations under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

U.S. District Judge Fernando Gaitan's ruling covers employees at the company's plants in Warrensburg, Mo.; Hays, Kan.; Richmond, Ky.; and Ooltewah, Tenn.

The suit, which was filed in federal court in Kansas City in February, charges that the company failed to pay employees for the time it takes them to don and doff protective clothing and for showering and washing after their shifts.

The plaintiffs are represented by the Donelon Law Office in Kansas City and Brown & Associates in Trimble, Mo. Bryan Cave represents Enersys.