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Pemex To Lay Off 15,000 Workers In 1993

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On Jan. 20, Sebastian Guzman Cabrera, secretary general of the Petroleum Industry Workers Union (Sindicato de Trabajadores Petroleros de la Republica Mexicana, STPRM) reported that the state-run oil company Petroleos Mexicanos (PEMEX) plans to lay off about 15,000 blue and white collar employees during 1993. According to Guzman, this will probably be the last of the major PEMEX layoffs, since the company will have reached its target of a 95,000 workforce by year-end 1993. PEMEX laid off a total of about 55,000 workers between 1988 and 1992. On Jan. 18, union sources reported that 500 workers employed at the company's health facility in the capital were dismissed. (Sources: Dow Jones news service, 01/18/93; Notimex, 01/20/93)