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## After 6 ½ Years, Huntington-Ingalls Workers make it to the Bargaining Table

**Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016** – Six and one half years ago, over 200 Technicians in the E85 area of Huntington Ingalls shipyard in Newport News, VA voted for Union representation with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers. Huntington Ingalls Industries, however, filed an appeal, which they lost. The shipyard appealed then appealed that decision. They lost every appeal, working all the way to the Supreme Court, and back down.

The case got tied up with the recess appointments President Obama made to the National Labor Relations Board. While the President lost his case, the Supreme Court did not rule on the merits of the appeal, and sent it back to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

In a blistering decision in November, the Fourth Circuit ruled against Huntington-Ingalls, and ordered them to bargain.

“Companies do this, dragging things out in court, hoping the workers lose faith in the Union, and give up,” said IAMAW District Lodge 74 Directing Business Representative Larry Young. “That didn’t happen here. The workers kept the faith, and now it’s time to bargain.”

The IAM recently sent the Union Bargaining Committee, consisting of shop floor workers, along with experienced Union negotiators, to the IAM’s William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center in Hollywood, MD for a weeklong Negotiations Preparation training and planning session. It includes training in all facets of bargaining, and the team leaves with a negotiations plan.

The unit consists of Radiological Technicians and lab personnel.

Negotiations commence on Monday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> in Newport News. “The wait is over,” said Young. “Our time is now. We call on Huntington Ingalls to give up on the stalling tactics, and come to the table to bargain a contract in good faith quickly so the workers at Ingalls can have the contract they’ve demanded for years.”

Follow the negotiations at [iamd74.com](http://iamd74.com) or [facebook.com/e85labor2016](https://facebook.com/e85labor2016).

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