

# Commercial Metals Closes Nev. Plant, Cuts 100 Jobs

FALLON, Nev. (AP) — Commercial Metals Co. is closing its Fallon plant, and scores of employees will lose their jobs.

Officials for the Irving, Texas-based company are blaming the sluggish economy for the closure set for April 29. But they declined to release the number of affected employees.

According to figures compiled last fall by the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, the plant was Churchill County's 15th largest employer with 90 to 99 employees.

The plant makes joists for use in big buildings, including both the Fallon and Fernley Wal-Marts.

Local officials say the closure will have a huge impact on the town about 60 miles east of Reno.

County Comptroller Alan Kalt estimates the plant's payroll is between \$3.5 million and \$5 million.

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