

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration

Wage and Hour Division; Minimum Wages for Federal and Federally Assisted Construction; General Wage Determination Decisions

General wage distribution decisions of the Secretary of Labor are issued in accordance with applicable law and are based on the information obtained by the Department of Labor from its study of local wage conditions and data made available from other sources. They specify the basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefits which are determined to be prevailing for the described classes of laborers and mechanics employed on construction projects of a similar character and in the localities specified therein.

The determinations in these decisions of prevailing rates and fringe benefits have been made in accordance with 29 CFR part 1, authority of the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act of March 3, 1931, as amended (46 Stat. 1494, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a) and of other Federal statutes referred to in 29 CFR part 1, Appendix, as well as such additional statutes as may from time to time be enacted containing provisions for the payment of wages determined to be prevailing by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. The prevailing rates and fringe benefits determined in these decisions shall, in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing statutes, constitute the minimum wages payable on Federal and federally assisted construction projects to laborers and mechanics of the specified classes engaged on contract work of the character and in the localities described therein.

Good cause is hereby found for not utilizing notice and public comment procedure thereon prior to the issuance of these determinations as prescribed in 5 U.S.C. 553 and not providing for delay in the effective date as prescribed in that section, because the necessity to issue current construction industry wage determinations frequently and in large volume causes procedures to be impractical and contrary to the public interest.

General wage determination decisions, and modifications and supersedes decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective from their date of notice in the **Federal Register**, or on the date written notice is received by the agency, whichever is earlier. These decisions are to be used in accordance with the provisions of 29

CFR parts 1 and 5. Accordingly, the applicable decision, together with any modifications issued, must be made a part of every contract for performance of the described work within the geographic area indicated as required by an applicable Federal prevailing wage law and 29 CFR part 5. The wage rates and fringe benefits, notice of which is published herein, and which are contained in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon And Related Acts," shall be the minimum paid by contractors and subcontractors to laborers and mechanics.

Any person, organization, or governmental agency having an interest in the rates determined as prevailing is encouraged to submit wage rate and fringe benefit information for consideration by the Department.

Further information and self-explanatory forms for the purpose of submitting this data may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division, Division of Wage Determinations, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room S-3014, Washington, DC 20210.

Modification to General Wage Determination Decisions

The number of the decisions listed to the Government Printing Office document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts" being modified are listed by Volume and State. Dates of publication in the **Federal Register** are in parentheses following the decisions being modified.

Volume I

None

Volume II

None

Volume III

None

Volume IV

None

VOLUME V

NONE

VOLUME VI

NONE

VOLUME VII

NONE

General Wage Determination Publication

General wage determinations issued under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts, including those noted above, may be found in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations

Issued Under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts". This publication is available at each of the 50 Regional Government Depository Libraries and many of the 1,400 Government Depository Libraries across the country.

General wage determinations issued under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts are available electronically at no cost on the Government Printing Office site at www.access.gpo.gov/davisbacon. They are also available electronically by subscription to the Davis-Bacon Online Service (<http://davisbacon.fedworld.gov>) of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) of the U.S. Department of Commerce at 1-800-363-2068. This subscription offers value-added features such as electronic delivery of modified wage decisions directly to the user's desktop, the ability to access prior wage decisions issued during the year, extensive Help Desk Support, etc.

Hard-copy subscriptions may be purchased from: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402, (202) 512-1800.

When ordering hard-copy subscription(s), be sure to specify the State(s) of interest, since subscriptions may be ordered for any or all of the six separate Volumes, arranged by State. Subscriptions include an annual edition (issued in January or February) which includes all current general wage determinations for the States covered by each volume. Throughout the remainder of the year, regular weekly updates will be distributed to subscribers.

Signed at Washington DC, this 30th day of July, 2003.

Carl Poleskey,

Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Petitions for Modification

The following parties have filed petitions to modify the application of existing safety standards under section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977.

1. Canyon Fuel Company, LLC

[Docket No. M-2003-052-C]

Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, HC 35 Box 380, Helper, Utah 84526 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.350 (Air courses and belt haulage entries) to its Skyline Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 42-01566) located in Carbon County, Utah. The petitioner requests that its previously granted petition for modification, docket number M-2000-040-C, be amended to revise paragraph V.(C) of the Proposed Decision and Order to read as follows: "In addition to requirements of V.(B), diesel-powered equipment classified as

'heavy-duty' under 30 CFR 75.1908(a), must include a means, maintained in operating condition, to prevent the spray from ruptured diesel fuel, hydraulic oil, and lubricating oil lines from being ignited by contact with engine exhaust system component surfaces such as shielding, conduit, non-absorbent insulating materials, or other similar means." The petitioner asserts that this amendment to its previously granted petition will prevent a diminution of safety caused by application of the existing standard and that this amendment will at all times provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

2. Jim Walter Resources, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2003-053-C]

Jim Walter Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 133, Brookwood, Alabama 35444 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.507 (Power connection points) to its No. 4 Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 01-01247), No. 5 Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 01-01322), and No. 7 Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 01-01401) all located in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. The petitioner proposes to use deep well submersible pumps driven by electric motors to remove water from sealed areas in the underground mines. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

Request for Comments

Persons interested in these petitions are encouraged to submit comments via e-mail to comments@msha.gov, or on a computer disk along with an original hard copy to the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2352, Arlington, Virginia 22209. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before September 8, 2003. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated at Arlington, Virginia this 31st day of July 2003.

Marvin W. Nichols, Jr.,

Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Freedom of Information Act—General Notice of Organization, Function, Rules of Procedure, and Substantive Rules

AGENCY: Legal Services Corporation.

ACTION: General notice of the organization, function, rules of procedure, and substantive rules of the Legal Services Corporation.

SUMMARY: This notice is being published by LSC in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(1) and for the guidance and interest of the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pat Batie, FOIA Officer, Office of Legal Affairs, Legal Services Corporation, 3333 K St., NW, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20007; (202) 295-1625 (phone); (202) 337-6519 (fax); pbatie@lsc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section (a)(1) of the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") 5 U.S.C. 552, LSC publishes in the **Federal Register**, for the guidance and interest of the public, the following general information concerning LSC:

(a) A description of the organization of the Corporation and the established places at which, the employees from whom, and the methods whereby, the public may obtain information, make submittals or requests, or obtain decisions;

(b) Statements of the general course and method by which LSC's functions are channeled and determined;

(c) Rules of procedure, descriptions of forms available or the places where forms may be obtained, and instructions on the scope and contents of all papers, reports, or examinations; and

(d) Substantive rules of general applicability adopted as authorized by law, and statements of general policy or interpretations of general applicability formulated and adopted by LSC.

I. Description of LSC

LSC is a private, non-profit corporation, headquartered in Washington, DC and established by Congress in 1974 to assure equal access to justice under the law for all Americans. LSC is headed by a bipartisan Board of Directors appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. LSC does not provide legal services directly to indigent clients; rather it provides grants to independent local programs chosen through a system of competition. Currently, LSC funds 197 legal aid programs. Together these programs serve every county and congressional district in the nation, as well as the U.S. territories.

In 2001, LSC grantees handled more than one million civil cases. The most common types of cases handled by LSC-funded programs involve family law, housing, employment, government benefits, and consumer issues. LSC-funded programs do not handle criminal cases, nor do they accept fee-generating cases that private attorneys are willing to accept on a contingency basis. LSC recipients are also prohibited from claiming or collecting attorney's fees and engaging in class actions, rulemaking, lobbying, litigation on behalf of prisoners, representation in drug-related public housing evictions, and representation of certain categories of aliens.

II. Organization

LSC consists of five major components: the Office of the President, the Office of Compliance and Administration, the Office of Legal Affairs, the Office of Programs, and the Office of Governmental Relations and Public Affairs. In addition to these primary offices there is the Office of Inspector General. While the Office of Inspector General exists as part of LSC, the Office functions independently from the rest of the LSC components, with the Inspector General appointed directly by the LSC Board of Directors. The major functions and responsibilities of each of these components is described below.

Office of the President

The Office of the President is responsible for the implementation of Board policy and oversight of the Corporation's operations.

Office of Compliance and Administration

The Office of Compliance and Administration is comprised of the Office of Compliance and Enforcement, Office of Human Resources, Office of Financial and Administrative Services and Office of Information Technology.

The Office of Compliance and Enforcement (OCE) is responsible for ensuring that LSC grantees are complying with the laws, regulations, terms and conditions applicable to them as a condition of receipt of Federal funds. OCE conducts investigations and audits of grantees, responds to inquiries and complaints relating to grantee compliance with applicable law and regulations, processes requests for prior approvals and Private Attorney Involvement and fund balance waivers, and approves subgrant agreements.

The Office of Human Resources (OHR) develops and administers human resources policies, procedures, and