

TA-W-53,240; *Friedrich Air Conditioning Co., San Antonio, TX: September 30, 2002.*

TA-W-52,834; *The Safety Stitch, Inc., Harrisville, WV: August 22, 2002.*

I hereby certify that the aforementioned determinations were issued during the months of November. Copies of these determinations are available for inspection in Room C-5311, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210 during normal business hours or will be mailed to persons who write to the above address.

Dated: December 15, 2003.

Timothy Sullivan,

Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standard Administration; Wage and Hour Division

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

General wage determination 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 determination in these decisions of prevailing rates and fringe benefits have been made in accordance with 29 CFR part 1, by 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 supersedeas 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

Arkansas

AR030001 (June 13, 2003)

AR030003 (June 13, 2003)

AR030008 (June 13, 2003)

AR030027 (June 13, 2003)

Louisiana

LA030004 (June 13, 2003)

LA030009 (June 13, 2003)

LA030014 (June 13, 2003)

LA030015 (June 13, 2003)

LA030017 (June 13, 2003)

Volume VI

None

Volume VII

Nevada

NV030002 (June 13, 2003)

NV030005 (June 13, 2003)

NV030009 (June 13, 2003)

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 18th day of December 2003.

Carl J. 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. Kingwood Mining Company, LLC

[Docket No. M-2003-091-C]

Kingwood Mining Company, LLC, Route 1, Box 294C, Newburg, West Virginia 26410 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.350 (Air courses and belt haulage entries) to its Whitetail K-Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 46-08751) located in Preston County, West Virginia. The petitioner requests that paragraph 1(e) of its previously approved petition for modification, docket number M-2001-049-C be amended to read as follows: Sensors shall be installed not more than 100 feet downwind of all electrical installations in the belt or neutral entry(s) and any equipment or location in the conveyor belt entry where a potential fire source exists. Where an electrical installation is part of a belt drive installation, then only one sensor per statement 1(d) above is required at the belt drive location. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

2. Genwal Resources, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2003-092-C]

Genwal Resources, Inc., PO Box 1077, Price, Utah 84501 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.352 (Return air courses) to its South Crandall Canyon Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 42-02356) located in Emery County, Utah. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to allow the use of the belt entry as a return air course during longwall development. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

3. The Banner Company

[Docket No. M-2003-094-C]

The Banner Company, 2700 Lee Highway, Bristol, Virginia 24609 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.364(b)(2) and (4) (Weekly examination) to its Honey Branch Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 44-06599) located in Wise County, Virginia. The petitioner states that due to deteriorating roof and rib conditions in a portion of the main return entry extending from the surface to a point approximately 150 feet inby, combined with a roof fall in this area, which extends from the outby #1E seal location to the main return travelway, traveling the area to perform weekly examinations would be unsafe. The petitioner proposes to establish evaluation points and have a certified person monitor the affected area to determine the quantity and quality of air at each monitoring station. The petitioner has listed specific terms and conditions in this petition that would be followed when its proposed alternative method is implemented. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

4. Dickenson-Russell Coal Company, LLC

[Docket No. M-2003-095-C]

Dickenson-Russell Coal Company, LLC, P.O. Box 2345, Abingdon, Virginia 24212 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1710-1(a) (Canopies or cabs; self-propelled diesel-powered and electric face equipment; installation requirements) to its Laurel Mountain Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 44-06444) located in Russell County, Virginia. The petitioner proposes to operate self-propelled electric face equipment without canopies or cabs in mining heights less than 50 inches. The petitioner asserts that application of the existing standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners.

5. Sierra Minerals Corporation

[Docket No. M-2003-005-M]

Sierra Minerals Corporation, 6164 S. Newport Street, Suite 2000, Centennial, Colorado 80111 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.15031 (Location of self-rescue devices) to its Yule Quarry Operation (MSHA I.D. No. 05-04438) located in Gunnison County, Colorado. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to eliminate the use of self-rescue devices for persons underground during non-operating hours. The petitioner asserts that

application of the existing standard would result in a diminution of safety to visitors at the mine and 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 2350, Arlington, Virginia 22209. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before January 28, 2004. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated at Arlington, Virginia, this 19th day of December, 2003.

Marvin W. Nichols, Jr.,

Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (03-157)]

NASA Advisory Council, Planetary Protection Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a forthcoming meeting of the NASA Advisory Council (NAC), Planetary Protection Advisory Committee (PPAC).

DATES: Monday, January 12, 2004, 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., Tuesday, January 13, 2004, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Building 167, 4800 Oak Grove Drive, Pasadena, CA 91103.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Marian Norris, Code SB, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546, 202/358-4452, e-mail mnorris@nasa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public up to the capacity of the room. The agenda for the meeting includes the following topics: