

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, 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 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 Act," 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.

Modifications to General Wage Determination Decisions

The number of decisions listed in 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

Pennsylvania
PA990024 (Mar. 12, 1999)

Volume III

None

Volume IV

None

Volume V

Iowa
IA990003 (Mar. 12, 1999)
IA990005 (Mar. 12, 1999)
IA990010 (Mar. 12, 1999)
IA990018 (Mar. 12, 1999)
IA990070 (Mar. 12, 1999)
IA990071 (Mar. 12, 1999)
IA990072 (Mar. 12, 1999)
IA990078 (Mar. 12, 1999)
IA990079 (Mar. 12, 1999)
IA990080 (Mar. 12, 1999)

Missouri
MO990046 (Mar. 12, 1999)

Volume VI

Alaska
AK990001 (Mar. 12, 1999)
AK990002 (Mar. 12, 1999)
AK990006 (Mar. 12, 1999)

Volume VII

Nevada
NE990002 (Mar. 12, 1999)

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.

The general wage determinations issued under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts are available electronically by subscription to the FedWorld Bulletin Board System of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) of the U.S. Department of Commerce at 1-800-363-2068.

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 seven 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 are distributed to subscribers.

Signed at Washington, DC this 16th day of April 1999.

Margaret J. Washington,
Acting Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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NATIONAL SKILL STANDARDS BOARD

Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: National Skill Standards Board.
ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Skill Standards Board was established by an Act of Congress, the National Skill Standards Act, Title V, Pub. L. 103-227. The 27-member National Skill Standards Board will serve as a catalyst and be responsible for the development and implementation of a national system of voluntary skill standards and certification through voluntary partnerships which have the full and balanced participation of business, industry, labor, education and other key groups.

Time and Place: The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18, 1999, in The Westin, Southfield-Detroit at 1500 Town Center, Southfield Michigan.

Agenda: The agenda for the Board Meeting will include: an update from the Board's committees; and presentations from representatives of the Sales and Service Voluntary Partnership (SSVP) and the Manufacturing Skill Standards Council (MSSC).

Public Participation: The meeting, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., is open to the public. Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Seats will be reserved for the media. Individuals with disabilities should contact Leslie Donaldson at (202) 254-8628, if special accommodations are needed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tracy Marshall, Director of program Operations at (202) 254-8628.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 20th day of April 1999.

Edie West,

Executive Director, National Skill Standards Board.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Regulatory Oversight Process Pilot Workshop

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will hold a public workshop to provide information to the NRC, industry, and public representatives of the participating pilot sites with the new PI reporting, inspection, assessment, and enforcement processes. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The workshop will be held May 17 through May 20, 1999. Registration will be held on May 17, 1999 from 10 a.m. to noon. The hours of the workshop will be from 12 to 5 p.m. on May 17, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 18 and May 19, and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 20.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Philadelphia Airport Ramada Inn, 76 Industrial Highway (Rt. 291), Essington, PA 19029. The hotel phone number is (610) 521-9600 or (800) 277-3900.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: August Spector at 301-415-2140 or Lee Miller at 301-415-1361, Mail Stop: O-5H4, Inspection Program Branch, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 22, 1999, the staff issued SECY-99-007a Recommendations for Reactor Oversight Process Improvements (Follow-Up to SECY-99-007), forwarding the staff's recommendations for a new reactor oversight process. This paper forwarded additional information and noteworthy changes to the staff recommendations for improving the regulatory oversight process initially provided by SECY-99-007 Recommendations for Reactor Oversight Improvements. This paper also responds to the Commission's comments from the January 20, 1999, briefing on SECY-99-007 and provides the staff's responses to public comments.

The following issues represent a brief summary of the concepts presented in SECY-99-007A.

Over the last 10 years, commercial nuclear power plants have been operated safely and overall plant performance has improved. This improvement in plant performance can be attributed, in part, to successful regulatory oversight. Despite this success, the agency has noted that the current reactor oversight process (1) is at times not clearly focused on the most safety important issues, (2) consists of redundant actions and outputs, and (3) is frequently subjective, with NRC action taken in a manner that is at times neither scrutable nor predictable.

In the new regulatory oversight process:

- There will be a risk-informed baseline inspection program that establishes the minimum regulatory interaction for all licensees.
- Thresholds will be established for licensee safety performance, below which increased NRC interaction would be warranted.
- Adequate assurance of licensee performance will require assessment of both performance indicators (PIs) and inspection findings.
- Inspection findings will be evaluated for significance and integrated with PIs in timely manner to support overall assessment of licensee performance.
- Both PIs and inspection findings will be evaluated against risk-informed thresholds, where feasible.
- Crossing a PI threshold and an inspection threshold will have the same meaning with respect to safety significance and required NRC interaction.
- The baseline inspection program will cover those risk-significant

attributes of licensee performance not adequately covered by PIs.

- The baseline inspection program will also verify the accuracy of PI data collection and analysis and provide for event response, as appropriate.
- Enforcement actions will be focused on issues that are risk significant.
- Guidelines will be established for identifying and responding to unacceptable licensee performance.

Additionally, the staff will pilot the new reactor oversight process during a 6-month period beginning in June, 1999. The purpose of the pilot program is to exercise the new processes (PI reporting, inspection, assessment, and enforcement), to identify process and procedure problems and make appropriate changes and, to the maximum extent possible, evaluate the effectiveness of the new process. Full implementation of the new oversight process will commence pending successful completion of the pilot program, as measured against pre-established success criteria. A notable feature of the pilot program is the use of the Pilot Program Evaluation Panel, consisting of NRC, NEI, industry, public, and State representatives, to aid in evaluating the effectiveness of the pilot program.

Scope of the Public Workshop

The NRC will hold a four day workshop from May 17-20, 1999, to review and familiarize NRC, industry, and public representatives of the participating pilot sites with the new PI reporting, inspection, assessment, and enforcement processes. However, representatives from all plants are welcome to attend the workshop. The pilot plants are: Hope Creek, Salem Units 1 and 2, FitzPatrick, Prairie Island Units 1 and 2, Quad Cities Units 1 and 2, Shearon Harris, Sequoyah Units 1 and 2, Ft. Calhoun, and Cooper.

Attendees should be familiar with the key attributes of the new oversight processes and their associated program documents and understand the key differences between the new processes and the existing oversight processes. Copies of SECY-00-007 and SECY-99-007a are available on the internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/COMMISSION/SECYS/index.html#1999>.

The agenda for the workshop will consist of the following:

- Day 1: registration and check-in, background and concept review, review of performance indicators (PIs), thresholds, and PI manual.
- Day 2: practical examples of PI data reporting, and inspection procedure review and documentation.