

Therefore, the Deputy Administrator, finding that: (1) 30 days have passed since the issuance of the Order to Suspend Shipment; and (2) no request for a hearing has been received, concludes that Neil Laboratories, Inc. is deemed to have waived its hearing right. After considering relevant material from the file in this matter, the Deputy Administrator now enters his final order without a hearing pursuant to 21 CFR 1313.57.

The Deputy Administrator finds that on December 12, 1997, Neil Laboratories, Inc. submitted a DEA Form 486 to DEA which indicated that it proposed to export 2,992,000 pseudoephedrine 60 mg. tablets to Comercializadora. A check with Mexican authorities revealed that Comercializadora never requested an import permit from the Mexican Department of Health. This shipment was exported to Mexico before DEA could discuss this matter with Neil Laboratories, Inc.

On February 3, 1998, DEA was notified that Comercializadora was not authorized by the Department of Health to import pseudoephedrine into Mexico.

On February 6, 1998, Neil Laboratories, Inc. submitted another DEA Form 486 which indicated that it proposed to export 4,000,000 pseudoephedrine 60 mg. tablets to Comercializadora. Neil Laboratories, Inc. also forwarded to DEA a copy of a Mexican import permit for this shipment. Upon receipt of the documents, DEA asked the Mexican Department of Health to verify the legitimacy of the customer. Thereafter, the Mexican authorities informed DEA that the Mexican import document submitted by Comercializadora to Neil Laboratories, Inc. was fraudulent. On February 20, 1998, Neil Laboratories, Inc. voluntarily canceled the shipment.

DEA personnel went to the address used by Comercializadora which was the same address as that listed in the Tijuana, Mexico telephone book for its owner, Oscar Barajas Gomez. The address was discovered to be an empty store front.

On April 2, 1998, Neil Laboratories, Inc. submitted a third DEA Form 486 which indicated that it proposed to export 4,000,000 pseudoephedrine 60 mg. tablets to Comercializadora. DEA requested that the Mexican Department of Health verify the import license submitted for this shipment. It was determined that the import license provided to Neil Laboratories, Inc. was fraudulent, in that one of the Mexican officials' signature was a forgery and two other Mexican officials listed on the permit were fictitious names. In

addition, the company number provided by Comercializadora on the import license belonged to another company in Mexico.

On June 4, 1998, Neil Laboratories, Inc. forwarded another import license from Comercializadora, which Mexican authorities verified was also fraudulent. On June 15, 1998, Neil Laboratories, Inc. withdrew the previous DEA Form 486 and submitted a new, duplicate request. The Mexican port of entry for the shipment listed on the form is not authorized to receive shipments of pseudoephedrine.

Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 971(c), and the delegation of authority found in 28 CFR 0.100(b) and 0.104, the Deputy Administrator may "order the suspension of any importation or exportation of a listed chemical * * * on the ground that the chemical may be diverted to the clandestine manufacture of a controlled substance." The Deputy Administrator concludes that there is substantial evidence to support the conclusion that this shipment of pseudoephedrine may be diverted to the clandestine manufacture of a controlled substance. The address noted for the customer was an empty store front and the customer provided fraudulent import documents. Further, the Deputy Administrator notes that no contrary evidence has been presented.

Accordingly, the Deputy Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, pursuant to the authority vested in him by 21 U.S.C. 971 and 28 CFR 0.100(b) and 0.104, hereby orders that the proposed shipment described above, be, and it hereby is, suspended, and that these proceedings are hereby concluded. This final order is effective immediately.

Dated: May 25, 1999.

Donnie R. Marshall,

Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration

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 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 in 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.

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.

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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.

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Signed at Washington, DC this 28th day of May, 1999.

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Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Bureau of Labor Statistics

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision and combination of the "Manual for Developing Local Area Unemployment Statistics" (OMB Number 1220-0017) and the "Local Area Unemployment Statistics Reports" (OMB Number 1220-0043). The two collections are being revised and combined into a single information

collection titled the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) Program, retaining OMB Number 1220-0017.

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before August 3, 1999. The Bureau of Labor Statistics is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Karin G. Kurz, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 3255, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Washington, DC 20212. Ms. Kurz can be reached on 202-606-7628 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Bureau of Labor Statistics has been charged by Congress (29 USC Chapters 1 and 2) with the responsibility of collecting and publishing monthly information on employment, the average wage received, and the hours worked by area and industry. The process for developing residency-based employment and unemployment estimates is a cooperative Federal-State program which uses employment and unemployment inputs available in State Employment Security Agencies (SESAs).

The labor force estimates developed and issued in this program are used for economic analysis and as a tool in the implementation of Federal economic policy in such areas as employment and

economic development under the Workforce Investment Act and the Public Works and Economic Development Act, among others.

The estimates also are used in economic analysis by public agencies and private industry, and for State and area funding allocations and eligibility determinations according to legal and administrative requirements. Implementation of current policy and legislative authorities could not be accomplished without collection of the data.

The reports and manual covered by this request are integral parts of the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program insofar as they insure and/or measure the timeliness, quality, consistency, and adherence to program directions of the LAUS estimates and related research.

II. Current Actions

The BLS is revising and combining two previously-separate information collection requests which make up the LAUS program: the Manual for Developing Local Area Unemployment Statistics (OMB Number 1220-0017) and the Local Area Unemployment Statistics Reports (OMB Number 1220-0043).

All aspects of the program now are automated. Exportable software eliminated the need for the Monthly Report on Continued Claimants by Place of Residence (LAUS 6). Electronic transmittals of any corrections to regularly submitted data have eliminated the need to use Monthly and Area Correction Forms (LAUS 13 and 14). The paper forms previously approved, BLS 3040, LAUS 2 and LAUS 3, also have been eliminated. All data are entered directly into BLS-provided systems.

BLS, as part of its responsibility to develop concepts and methods by which SESAs prepare estimates under the LAUS program, developed a manual for use by the SESAs. The manual explains the conceptual framework for the State and area estimates of employment and unemployment, specifies the procedures to be used, and discusses the theoretical and empirical basis for each procedure.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) Program.

OMB Number: 1220-0017.

Affected Public: State government.

Total Respondents: 52.

Frequency: Monthly and Annually.

Total Responses: 82,718.