

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment Standards  
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 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General wage determination decisions, and modifications and superseded decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective from their date of notice in the **Federal Register**, or on the date written notice is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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TX990081 (Mar. 12, 1999)

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AZ990001 (Mar. 12, 1999)  
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AZ990006 (Mar. 12, 1999)  
AZ990007 (Mar. 12, 1999)

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CA990009 (Mar. 12, 1999)  
CA990029 (Mar. 12, 1999)  
CA990030 (Mar. 12, 1999)  
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CA990037 (Mar. 12, 1999)

**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.

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 3rd day of September 1999.

**Margaret J. Washington,**

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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 mandatory safety standards under section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977.

#### 1. PennAmerican Coal L.P.

[Docket No. M-1999-062-C]

PennAmerican Coal L.P., R.D. #1, Box 119A, Avonmore, Pennsylvania 15618 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1100-2(e)(2) (quantity and location of firefighting equipment) to its Burrell Mine (I.D. No. 36-08525) located in Indiana County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner requests a variance from the mandatory standard to permit an alternate compliance method for fire fighting equipment at temporary electrical installations. The petitioner proposes to use two fire extinguishers or one fire extinguisher of

twice the required capacity at all temporary electrical installations instead of one portable fire extinguisher and 240 pounds of rock dust. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the mandatory standard.

#### 2. Bowie Resources, Ltd.

[Docket No. M-1999-063-C]

Bowie Resources, Ltd., 1855 Old Hwy. 133, P.O. Box 483, Paonia, Colorado 81428 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1002 (location of trolley wires, trolley feeder wires, high-voltage cables and transformers) to its Bowie Mine No. 2 (I.D. No. 05-04591) located in Delta County, Colorado. The petitioner proposes to use a nominal voltage of longwall power circuits not to exceed 2,400 volts to supply power to the permissible high-voltage longwall mining equipment in the last open crosscut. The petitioner has listed in this petition specific terms and conditions for using its proposed alternative method. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the mandatory standard.

#### 3. Bowie Resources, Inc.

[Docket No. M-1999-064-C]

Bowie Resources, Inc., 1855 Old Hwy. 133, P.O. Box 483 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.804(a) (underground high-voltage cables) to its Bowie Mine No. 2 (I.D. No. 05-04591) located in Delta County, Colorado. The petitioner requests a variance from the mandatory standard to use center ground check high-voltage longwall cables as an option for high-voltage longwall cables on longwall diesel equipment. The petitioner states that: (i) these cables will be in compliance with the existing standard or will be CABLEC/BICC Anaconda brand 5KV, 3/C type SHD+GC; Americable Tiger Brand, 3/C, 5KV, type SHD\_CGC; Pirelli 5KV, 3/C, type SHD-CENTER-GC; or similar 5000-volt cable with a center ground check conductor, and manufactured to the ICEA standard S-75-381 for Type SHD, three-conductor cables, MSHA accepted as flame-resistant, and the ground check conductor will not be smaller than a No. 16 AWG stranded conductor; (ii) the cable construction will be symmetrical 3/C, 3/G and 1/GC; (iii) the electrical personnel who perform maintenance on the longwall will receive training in the installation, splicing, and repair of the cables before the alternative method is implemented; and (iv) proposed

revisions to its Part 48 training plan will be submitted to the District Manager 60 days after the Proposed Decision and Order becomes final. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the mandatory standard.

#### 4. Canterbury Coal Company

[Docket No. M-1999-065-C]

Canterbury Coal Company, R.D. #1, Box 119, Avonmore, Pennsylvania 15618 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1100-2(e)(2) (quantity and location of firefighting equipment) to its DiAnne Mine (I.D. No. 36-05708) located in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner requests a variance from the mandatory standard to permit an alternate compliance method for fire fighting equipment at temporary electrical installations. The petitioner proposes to use two fire extinguishers or one fire extinguisher of twice the required capacity at all temporary electrical installations instead of using one fire extinguisher and 240 pounds of rock dust. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the mandatory standard.

#### 5. Hopkins County Coal LLC

[Docket No. M-1999-066-C]

Hopkins County Coal LLC, P.O. Box 711, Madisonville, Kentucky 42431 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.513 (electric conductor; capacity and insulation) to its Island Mine #1 (I.D. No. 15-17515) located in Hopkins County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use a smaller size cable to power each 300 KW Tag-A-Long rectifier, 315 KVA transformer approximately 379 FLA. The proposed modification would allow type 4/0 AWG 2KV 90°C unshielded copper power cable, rated 329 amperes by I.C.E.A. standards of 100 feet or less instead of a 350 MCM shielded 8KV power cable rated 513 amperes. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the mandatory standard.

#### 6. Little Man Mining, Inc.

[Docket No. M-1999-067-C]

Little Man Mining, Inc., 11945 No. Big Creek Rd., Hatfield, Kentucky 41514 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1710 (canopies or cabs; diesel-powered and electric face equipment) to its No. 2 Mine (I.D. No. 15-18146) located in Pike County, Kentucky. The petitioner requests a