

2. Employment Services—(labor exchange services, labor market information and emerging labor markets, the role of labor market intermediaries, worker profiling and reemployment services, the role of self-directed services, the role of the private sector in training and reemployment services, and bridging the gap between skills and employer needs);

3. One-Stop System—(administration, program linkages/connectivity, financing, innovative strategies for providing services);

4. Assisting low-wage workers—(role of workforce development system in assisting low-wage, female, and informal sector labor force);

5. Welfare Reform—(impact on and connection to workforce development programs); and

6. Technology and labor market—(role of Internet in job search and employment services, labor market mobility, training, technology and job creation).

All papers submitted will be reviewed by a panel of DOL experts in the workforce development arena, and presenters will be notified if their papers are selected. Papers selected for the conference will be published as part of our OWS Occasional Paper Series. Travel and accommodation expenses for invited presenters will be paid by the Office of Workforce Security. If interested, please submit your paper/abstract in hard copy and diskette/CD (Word Perfect or Word) by March 16, 2001. Papers should be doubled-spaced and single-sided. You will be notified by April 4, 2001 if your paper is selected; you will have to confirm your attendance by April 10, 2001. We also encourage submitting abstracts for papers that have not yet been completed, but will be completed before the deadline for submission of papers. Consistent with 5 CFR 1320.3(h)(4), this is a general solicitation of information from the general public.

C. Public Participation

The Conference will be held on June 26 and 27, 2001 in Washington, D.C. This Conference is open to the public; there is no registration fee. For registration information, please contact H.M.A Associates, Inc., 1000 Thomas Jefferson St., NW, Suite 309, Washington, DC, 20007, Attn: Peggie Edwards-Jefferies or email them at HMASSOC@worldnet.att.net.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 19th day of January, 2001.

Raymond L. Bramucci,
Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration.

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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 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, N.W., Room S-3014, Washington, D.C. 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

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.

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, regulator weekly updates are distributed to subscribers.

Signed at Washington, DC this 31st day of January 2001.

Carl J. Poleskey,

Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Office of Labor-Management Standards****Interpretation of the "Advice" Exemption in Section 203(c) of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act**

AGENCY: Office of Labor-Management Standards, Employment Standards Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice; further deferral of enforcement action.

SUMMARY: Consistent with the memorandum of January 20, 2001, from the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff, entitled "Regulatory Review Plan," published in the **Federal Register** on January 24, 2001 (66 FR 7702), this action temporarily delays for 60 days the date on which the Office of Labor-Management Standards will begin to enforce the interpretation set forth in a notice published in the **Federal Register** on January 11, 2001 (66 FR 2782). The temporary 60-day delay is necessary to give Department officials the opportunity for further review and consideration of this matter.

DATES: The interpretation of the "advice" exemption in Section 203(c) of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, as amended, published in the **Federal Register** on January 11, 2001 was to have commenced on February 10, 2001. It shall instead commence on April 11, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kay H. Oshel, Chief, Division of Interpretations and Standards, Office of Labor-Management Standards, Employment Standards Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., room N-5605, Washington, DC, (202) 693-1233 (this is not a toll free number).

Signed at Washington, DC, this 6th day of February, 2001.

Joe N. Kennedy,

Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment Standards.

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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. Aracoma Coal Company

[Docket No. M-2000-170-C]

Aracoma Coal Company, P.O. Box 470, Stollings, West Virginia 25646 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1700 (oil and gas wells) to its Alma Mine No. 1 (I.D. No. 46-08801) located in Logan County, West Virginia. The petitioner proposes to plug and mine through gas wells using specific procedures outlined in this petition for modification. The petitioner asserts that the proposed

alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

2. Canyon Fuel Company, LLC

[Docket No. M-2000-171-C]

Canyon Fuel Company, P.O. Box 1029, Wellington, Utah 84542 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.350 (air courses and belt haulage entries) to its Dugout Canyon Mine (I.D. No. 46-01890) located in Carbon County, Utah. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit the belt haulage entry to be used at the return entry during two-entry longwall panel development and as an intake entry to provide additional face ventilation during longwall panel retreat mining. The petitioner proposes to install a low-level carbon monoxide monitoring system in all sections where the belt entry is used as either an intake or return air course and in the primary intake entries. The petitioner asserts that application of the existing standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miner and that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

3. Canyon Fuel Company, LLC

[Docket No. M-2000-172-C]

Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, P.O. Box 1029, Wellington, Utah 84542 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.352 (return air courses) to its Dugout Canyon Mine (I.D. No. 46-01890) located in Carbon County, Utah. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit the belt haulage entry to be used at the return entry during two-entry longwall panel development and as an intake entry to provide additional face ventilation during longwall panel retreat mining. The petitioner proposes to install a low-level carbon monoxide monitoring system in all sections where the belt entry is used as either an intake or return air course and in the primary intake entries. The petitioner asserts that application of the existing standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miner and that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

4. ASARCO Incorporated

[Docket No. M-2000-010-M]

ASARCO Incorporated, P.O. Box 460, Strawberry Plains, Tennessee 37871 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.11055 (inclined escapeways) which requires