

the current parties participating in the Cooperative Research Project are Caterpillar, Inc., Peoria, IL; Equipements et Composants pour L'Industrie Automobile, Valentigney, FRANCE; and Renault VI DITCM/DERM, Saint-Priest, FRANCE, together with its subsidiary, Mack Trucks, Inc., Hagerstown, MD.

The nature and objective of this cooperative research project is to investigate the feasibility of using plasma or corona discharge technologies as diesel exhaust aftertreatment devices through the screening of the present plasma or corona discharge technologies utilizing a diesel engine comparing the effects of the different technologies on the various type and concentrations of exhaust components such as particulates, NO<sub>x</sub>, THC and CO, of the velocity, production of unregulated emissions in the plasma and other safety related aspects associated with implementation of the technologies; theoretical modelling of the electrical and chemical processes and a scaled-up development of the most promising technologies on a heavy-duty diesel engine followed by a full-scale demonstration on a heavy-duty vehicle.

Participation in this Cooperative Research Project will remain open, and SwRI intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in its membership or planned activities.

Information regarding participation in the Cooperative Research Project may be obtained from John W. McLeod, Southwest Research Institute, 6220 Culebra Road, Post Office Drawer 28510, San Antonio, TX 78228-0510.

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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 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.

### 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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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 (703) 487-4630.

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 are distributed to subscribers.

Signed at Washington, DC this 3d day of November 1995.

Philip J. Gloss,  
 Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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**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. Consolidation Coal Company**

[Docket No. M-95-152-C]

Consolidation Coal Company, Consol Plaza, 1800 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15241-1421 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.380(d)(4) (escapeways; bituminous and lignite mines) to its Powhatan No. 4 Mine (I.D. No. 33-01157) located in Monroe County, Ohio. The petitioner requests that its petition for modification, docket number M-93-60-C be amended to allow a minimum clearance of 4 feet for its alternate escapeway instead of the 2 feet minimum clearance specified in its previous petition. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

**2. Twentymile Coal Company**

[Docket No. M-95-153-C]

Twentymile Coal Company, One Oxford Center, 301 Grant Street—20th Floor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.804(a) (underground high-voltage cables) to its Foidel Creek Mine (I.D. No. 05-03836) located in Routt County, Colorado. The petitioner requests that its previous petition for modification, docket number M-92-55-C be amended to

allow the use of high-voltage cables that are made by any manufacturer instead of cables made by one manufacturer and that meets the specification listed in this petition. The petitioner proposes to use these cables for 2400 and 4160-volts high-voltage longwall systems. The types of cables would be the Tiger Brand SHD-CGC, Pirelli SHD-Center-GC, and Cablec SHD + GC, or any cable manufactured to ICEA specification S-75-381 for type SHD-3 conductor cable that is 5000 volt, MSHA-accepted flame-resistant cable with a ground-check wire that is 16 AWG minimum. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

**3. Knott County Mining Company**

[Docket No. M-95-154-C]

Knott County Mining Company, P.O. Box 2805, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1710 (canopies or cabs; electric face equipment) to its Hollybush Mine No. 1 (I.D. No. 15-15289), and its Brimstone Mine No. 1 (I.D. No. 15-16893) both located in Knott County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to operate electric face equipment without cabs and canopies in mining heights below 48 inches. The petitioner states that application of the standard would result in a diminution of safety to equipment operator. In addition, the petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

**4. Clintco Enterprises, Inc.**

[Docket No. M-95-155-C]

Clintco Enterprises, Inc., P.O. Box 2831, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.388(a)(3) (boreholes in advance of mining) to its No. 1 Mine (I.D. No. 15-17700) located in Floyd County, Kentucky. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to allow them to not drill boreholes to locate old workings. The petitioner asserts that application of the standard could be dangerous because drilling would create a conduit for gas or water to accumulate on the active section and cause the equipment to slip, slide, or become marred in wet bottom; and that these wet conditions would increase the probability of electrical-related injuries and accidents. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.