

facilities may apply for, and have their product approved as permissible for use in coal mines. To gain approval, the manufacturer must submit sufficient information needed to make an effective evaluation of the sanitary features of the facilities.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Permissible Equipment Testing.

OMB Number: 1219-0066 (Extension).

Frequency: On Occasion.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 876.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 11 hours.

Total Responses: 876.

Total Burden Hours: 9,613.

Total Annualized Capital/startup Costs: 0.

Total Annual (operating/maintaining): \$1,849,376.

Description: Contains procedures by which manufacturers of mining equipment and components, material, instruments, and explosives may apply for, and have their products approved as permissible for use in the mines.

Todd R. Owen,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Delegation of Authority To Perform Duties Under the Child Support Performance and Incentive Act; Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

On December 16, 1998, I issued a memorandum delegating to the Assistant Secretary for Pension and Welfare Benefits the authority to carry out the programs and activities to be performed by the Secretary of Labor under section 401 of the Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998. The Secretarial duty to jointly submit a report to each House of the Congress under section 401(a)(5)(B) is reserved to the Secretary. A copy of that memorandum is annexed hereto as an Appendix.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan E. Rees, Plan Benefits Security Division, Office of the Solicitor, Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 219-4600, ext. 105. This is not a toll-free number.

Signed at Washington, DC this 16th day of December, 1998.

Alexis M. Herman,

Secretary of Labor.

U.S. Department of Labor

Secretary of Labor, Washington, DC.

December 16, 1998.

Memorandum for Meredith Miller, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Pension and Welfare Benefits

From: Alexis M. Herman
Subject: Delegation of Authority to the Assistant Secretary for Pension and Welfare Benefits

Effective immediately, the Assistant Secretary for Pension and Welfare Benefits is hereby delegated authority and assigned responsibility for carrying out programs and activities to be performed by the Secretary of Labor under section 401 of the Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-200), including all attendant administrative duties necessary for carrying out such programs and activities. The duty to jointly submit a report to each House of the Congress with the Secretary of Health and Human Services under section 401(a)(5)(B) of the Child Support Performance and Incentive Act is reserved to the Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration

Wage and Hour Division; Minimum Wages for Federal and General 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.

Withdrawn General Wage Determination Decision

This is to advise all interested parties that the Department of Labor is