

watershed). The proposed Job Corps center will increase groundwater withdrawal rates within the Pawcatuck watershed by less than 0.2%. Since the use of an on-site ISDS will result in an estimated 85% water return rate, the net withdrawal from the aquifer will be even lower. The DOL believes that the information presented in the EA is accurate, and supports the finding of no significant impact.

The final comment from the EPA states that the EA "does not include an assessment of potential cumulative effects from the training center [Job Corps] and from other future development at Ladd." The EDC is currently preparing a proposal for development of a portion of the remaining Ladd Center property, but no specific development plans have been finalized. The DOL is not involved in the EDC's overall development plan. Although NEPA requires the DOL to consider the cumulative impact on the environment from the proposed federal action, it does not require the DOL to evaluate the impacts from other proposed development projects. The EA has demonstrated that the proposed Job Corps center will not result in a significant impact on the environment, regardless of the future use of the remaining property. If future development of the Ladd Center presents a significant impact on the environment, it will be due to the specific proposed usage of the property, not to any contributions from the proposed Job Corps center.

Conclusions

The DOL appreciates all of the comments submitted by interested parties on the EA for the proposed Job Corps center in Exeter, Rhode Island. An addendum to the EA has been published to correct factual errors in the EA identified by commenting agencies, and copies of the addendum are available from the above address. After reviewing all comments submitted during the review, the DOL believes that the EA satisfactorily addresses the potential impacts from the proposed project, and that the EA supports a finding of no significant impact. This notice serves as the DOL's final notice of their intent to establish a Job Corps center at the former Ladd Center in Exeter, Rhode Island, and that this proposed project will have no significant impacts on the environment.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 2nd day of March, 2000.

Mary Silva,

Director of Job Corps.

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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.

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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 1-800-363-2068.

Hard-copy subscriptions may be purchased from: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, (202) 512-1800.

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Signed at Washington, D.C. this 2nd day of March 2000.

Carl J. Poleskey,

Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration****Agency Information Collection Activities; Announcement of OMB Approval**

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration (PWBA) is announcing that a collection of information has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for the Interim Final Rule for Reporting by Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements and Certain Other Entities That Offer or Provide Coverage for Medical Care to the Employees of Two or More Employers (Interim Final Reporting Rule). This notice announces the OMB approval number and expiration date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the Form M-1 and instructions (as well as filer's guides) may be obtained by calling PWBA's Publication Hotline at 1-800-998-7542 and via the Internet at: www.dol.gov/dol/pwba. Individuals with questions