

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Sharon L. Jones, U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Workforce Security, Room S4231, 200 Constitution Ave, NW., Washington, DC, 20210; telephone number (202) 693-3006 (this is not a toll-free number); fax (202) 693-2874.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Public Law 97-362, Miscellaneous Revenue Act of 1982, amended the Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Servicemembers (UCX) law (5 U.S.C. 8509), and Public Law 96-499, Omnibus Reconciliation Act, amended the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) law (5 U.S.C. 8501, *et. seq.*) requiring each Federal employing agency to pay the costs of regular and extended UCFE/UCX benefits paid to its employees by the State Workforce Agencies (SWAs). The ETA 191 report submitted quarterly by each SWA shows the amount of benefits that should be charged to each Federal employing agency. The Office of Workforce Security uses this information to aggregate the SWA quarterly charges and submit one official bill to each Federal agency being charged. Federal agencies then reimburse the Federal Employees Compensation (FEC) Account maintained by the U.S. Treasury.

II. Current Actions

This collection continues to be needed to assure that the provisions of law are met regarding the requirement for each Federal agency to meet its obligations for paying for its unemployment compensation costs and to assure that SWAs are reimbursed properly for their expenditures of UCFE and UCX benefits on behalf of the Federal agencies.

Type of Review: Extension (without change).

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: ETA 191, Statement of Expenditures and Adjustments of Federal Funds for Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees and Ex-Servicemembers (UCFE/UCX).

OMB Number: 1205-0162.
Agency Number: ETA 191.
Affected Public: State Governments.
Total Respondents: 53.
Frequency: Quarterly.
Total Responses: 212.
Average Time per Response: 1 hour.
Estimated Total Burden Hours: 212.
Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 28, 2003.

Cheryl Atkinson,

Administrator, Office of Workforce Security.
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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 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 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 Determination 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.

**Modification to General Wage
 Determination Decisions**

The number of the decisions listed to 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.

General wage determinations issued under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts are available electronically at no cost on the Government Printing Office site at www.access.gpo.gov/davisbacon. They are also available electronically by subscription to the Davis-Bacon Online Service (<http://davisbacon.fedworld.gov>) of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) of the U.S. Department of Commerce at 1-800-363-2068. This subscription offers value-added features such as electronic delivery of modified wage decisions directly to the user's desktop, the ability to access prior wage decisions issued during the year, extensive Help desk Support, etc.

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 will be distributed to subscribers.

Signed at Washington, DC this 23rd Day of April 2003.

Terry Sullivan,

Acting Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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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. Baylor Mining, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2003-027-C]

Baylor Mining, Inc., PO Box 577, Mabscott, West Virginia 25871 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.364(a)(1) (Weekly examination) to its Beckley Crystal Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 46-08829) located in Raleigh County, West Virginia. Due to deteriorating roof conditions and several roof falls, it is unsafe to travel to the deepest point of penetration on a weekly examination. The petitioner proposes to check intake and return air courses on a weekly basis at the point designated on the attached map marked "Dangered Off". The petitioner states that the main intake airshaft is located approximately 800 feet from the deepest penetration of the marked section, 40,000 cfm of air passes around the faces to the return, and that its proposed alternative method would not result in a diminution of safety to the miners. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

2. Blue Diamond Coal Company

[Docket No. M-2003-028-C]

Blue Diamond Coal Company, PO Box 47, Slemph, Kentucky 41763 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.900 (Low- and medium-voltage circuits serving three-phase alternating current equipment; circuit breakers) to its Mine No. 74 (MSHA I.D. No. 15-18022), Mine No. 75 (I.D. No. 15-17478), and Mine No. 77 (I.D. No. 15-09636) all located in Perry County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use contactors in lieu of under-voltage protection on the circuit breaker. The petitioner states that short circuit protection will continue to be provided by a circuit breaker with required interrupting retries. The petitioner has

listed in this petition specific terms and conditions that would be followed when its proposed alternative method is implemented. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

Request for Comments

Persons interested in these petitions are encouraged to submit comments via e-mail to comments@msha.gov, or on a computer disk along with an original hard copy to the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2352, Arlington, Virginia 22209. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before June 2, 2003. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated at Arlington, Virginia this 28th day of April 2003.

Marvin W. Nichols, Jr.,

Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Office of Federal Procurement Policy; Determination of Executive Compensation Benchmark Amount Pursuant to Section 808 of Public Law 105-85

AGENCY: Office of Federal Procurement Policy, OMB.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is hereby publishing the attached memorandum to the heads of executive departments and agencies concerning the determination of the maximum "benchmark" compensation that will be allowable under government contracts during contractors' FY 2003—\$405,273. This determination is required to be made pursuant to Section 808 of Public Law 105-85. It applies equally to both defense and civilian procurement agencies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard C. Loeb, Executive Secretary, Cost Accounting Standards Board,