

Signed at Washington, DC, this 23rd day of September, 2003.

**Linda G. Poole,**

*Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-52,583, TA-W-52,583A, TA-W-52,583B]

#### VF Jeanswear, LP, AdA, OK, VF Jeanswear, LP, Windsor, NC, VF Jeanswear, LP, Wilson, NC; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, an investigation was initiated on August 18, 2003 in response to a petition filed on behalf of workers at VF Jeanswear, LP, Ada, Oklahoma (TA-W-52,583), Windsor, North Carolina (TA-52,583A) and Wilson, North Carolina (52,583B).

The petitioner has requested that the petition be withdrawn. Consequently, the investigation has been terminated.

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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 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 benefits 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

###### Connecticut

CT30001 (Jun. 13, 2003)  
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###### District of Columbia

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###### West Virginia

WV030002 (Jun. 13, 2003)  
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###### Mississippi

MS030003 (Jun. 13, 2003)  
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MS030055 (Jun. 13, 2003)  
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 NV030009 (Jun. 13, 2003)

#### 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 Governmental 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 <http://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 23 day of October, 2003.

**Carl J. Poleskey,**

*Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.*

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#### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

#### Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation of 1978, Pub. L. 9541.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 4, 2003, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of permit applications received. A permit was issued on October 21, 2003 to Gary D. Miller (2004-013).

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer.*

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#### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

#### Conservation Act of 1978; Notice of Permit Modification

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**SUMMARY:** The Foundation modified a permit to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541; Code of Federal Regulations Title 45, Part 670).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 28, 2000, the National Science Foundation issued a permit (ACA #2001-011) to Dr. Wayne Z. Trivelpiece after posting a notice in the August 29, 2000 **Federal Register**.

Public comments were not received. A request to modify the permit was posted in the **Federal Register** on September 3, 2003. No public comments were

received. The modification was issued by the Foundation on October 14, 2003.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer.*

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#### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

#### Call for Anticipatory Research Projects

NRC research is performed in order to meet a known or anticipated regulatory need. There are two main categories of research that require separate consideration: Confirmatory research and anticipatory research. Confirmatory research aids the agency in responding to license issues that are now before the agency or that are anticipated to come before the agency in the near term. This type of research is performed either when the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research recognizes issues of concern or at the request of a program office that is directly responsible for regulatory oversight, e.g., Offices of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR), Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards (NMSS), or Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR).

The NRC also conducts research programs that are more forward looking, which we refer to as "anticipatory" research, an effort to try to foresee where the NRC may need information to respond to future regulatory issues. This research is related to better understanding evolving technologies or issues that may become important regulatory concerns in the future. Some of this work may also be confirmatory in nature by providing independent assessment of information developed by the nuclear industry. These types of programs may have been requested by the other program offices, or they may be developed as a result of independent examination of industry trends and emerging issues. If the agency waits until these potential issues become actual regulatory concerns, it may be too late to develop the technical information to respond in a timely fashion. Examples of anticipatory research that have been highly valuable to the agency include probabilistic risk analysis methods and applications, severe accident source term research, and the evaluation of the effects of aging on plant components.

Therefore, the NRC's Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) is seeking recommendations for anticipatory research both within NRC and from external stakeholders. This research will