

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 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.

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.

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, 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 seven 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 27th day of January 2000.

Carl J. Poleskey,

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 mandatory safety standards under

section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977.

1. CONSOL of Kentucky, Inc.

[Docket No. M-1999-143-C]

CONSOL of Kentucky, Inc., Consol Plaza, 1800 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15241-1421 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.701 (grounding metallic frames, casings, and other enclosures of electric equipment) to its Rhoades Branch H-4 Mine (I.D. No. 15-18212) located in Lechter County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use a diesel-generated source of low and medium voltage, three-phase electrical power during transportation of certain mobile equipment underground. The petitioner has listed in this petition specific terms and conditions for using the generator system. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the mandatory standard.

2. CONSOL of Kentucky, Inc.

[Docket No. M-1999-144-C]

CONSOL of Kentucky, Inc., Consol Plaza, 1800 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15241-1421 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.901(a) (protection of low- and medium-voltage three-phase circuits used underground) to its Rhoades Branch H-4 Mine (I.D. No. 15-18212) located in Lechter County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use a diesel-generated source of low- and medium-voltage, three-phase electrical power during transportation of certain mobile equipment underground. The petitioner proposes to derive a low-and medium-voltage, three-phase, alternating current for use underground from a portable, diesel-driven generator. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the mandatory standard.

3. CONSOL of Kentucky, Inc.

[Docket No. M-1999-145-C]

CONSOL of Kentucky, Inc., Consol Plaza, 1800 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15241-1421 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1101-8 (water sprinkler systems; arrangement of sprinklers) to its Rhoades Branch H-4 Mine (I.D. No. 15-18212) located in Lechter County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use a single line of automatic sprinklers for its fire protection system on main and secondary belt conveyors. The

petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the mandatory standard.

4. Old Ben Coal Company

[Docket No. M-1999-146-C]

Old Ben Coal Company, P.O. Box 397, 13101 Zeigler Road, Coulterville, Illinois 62237 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.902 (low- and medium-voltage ground check monitor circuits) to its Zeigler #11 Mine (I.D. No. 11-02408) located in Randolph County, Illinois. The petitioner requests a modification of the mandatory safety standard to permit the use of an alternative method for ground check monitoring. The petitioner proposes that the ground monitor would open a vacuum contactor instead of a circuit breaker in all combination stationary belt starters at the Zeigler #11 Mine. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the mandatory standard.

5. Old Ben Coal Company

[Docket No. M-1999-147-C]

Old Ben Coal Company, P.O. Box 397, 13101 Zeigler Road, Coulterville, Illinois 62237 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 Zeigler #11 Mine (I.D. No. 11-02408) located in Randolph County, Illinois. The petitioner requests that Item #1 of its previous petition for modification, docket number M-96-147-C, be amended to read as follows: The petition for modification shall apply to the requirement for under-voltage protection and grounded phase protection for three-phase circuits supplying stationary belt drive installations presently in use or installed in the future. The petitioner asserts that this amendment would provide at least the same measure of protection as the previous petition.

6. Consolidation Coal Company

[Docket No. M-1999-148-C]

Consolidation Coal Company, Consol Plaza, 1800 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15241-1421 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.364(b)(2) (weekly examination) to its Shoemaker Mine (I.D. No. 46-01436) located in Marshall County, West Virginia. Due to deteriorating roof conditions in certain areas of the return air course, the petitioner proposes to establish two check points that will be maintained in

safe condition at all times, and to have a certified person test for methane and the quantity of air at both check points on a weekly basis. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the mandatory standard.

7. Fork Creek Mining Company

[Docket No. M-1999-149-C]

Fork Creek Mining Company, Fork Creek Mine Road, P.O. Box 24, Alum Creek, West Virginia 25003 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.350 (air courses and belt haulage entries) to its Fork Creek No. 1 Mine (I.D. No. 48-08763) located in Kanawha County, West Virginia. The petitioner proposes to use air coursed through the belt haulage entry to ventilate active working places. The petitioner proposes to install a carbon monoxide monitoring system as an early warning fire detection system in all belt entries used to carry intake air to a working place. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the mandatory standard.

8. Perry County Mining Company

[Docket No. M-1999-150-C]

Perry County Mining Company, P.O. Box 5002, Hazard, Kentucky 41701 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.364(b)(1) (weekly examination) to its Eas #1 Mine (I.D. No. 15-02085) located in Perry County, Kentucky. Due to deteriorating roof conditions in certain areas of the intake air course, the petitioner proposes to establish four check points as air measurement stations. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the mandatory standard.

9. The DOE Run Company

[Docket No. M-1999-021-M]

The DOE Run Company, One Oxford Centre, 301 Grant Street, 20th Floor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219-1410 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.11052 (refuge areas) to its West Fork Mine (I.D. No. 23-01787) located in Reynolds County, Missouri. The petitioner requests a modification of the mandatory safety standard to permit an alternative method of compliance with the requirements for refuge chambers. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the mandatory standard and that

application of the existing standard will result in a diminution of safety.

10. The DOE Run Company

[Docket No. M-1999-022-M]

The DOE Run Company, One Oxford Centre, 301 Grant Street, 20th Floor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219-1410 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.11052 (refuge areas) to its Fletcher Mine and Mill (I.D. No. 23-00409) located in Reynolds County, Missouri. The petitioner requests a modification of the mandatory safety standard to permit an alternative method of compliance with the requirements for refuge chambers. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the mandatory standard and that application of the existing standard will result in a diminution of safety.

11. The DOE Run Company

[Docket No. M-1999-023-M]

The DOE Run Company, One Oxford Centre, 301 Grant Street, 20th Floor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219-1410 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.11052 (refuge areas) to its Brushy Creek Mine/Mill (I.D. No. 23-00499) located in Reynolds County, Missouri. The petitioner requests a modification of the mandatory safety standard to permit an alternative method of compliance with the requirements for refuge chambers. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the mandatory standard and that application of the existing standard will result in a diminution of safety.

12. The DOE Run Company

[Docket No. M-1999-024-M]

The DOE Run Company, One Oxford Centre, 301 Grant Street, 20th Floor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219-1410 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.11052 (refuge areas) to its Buick Mine/Mill (I.D. No. 23-00457) located in Reynolds County, Missouri. The petitioner requests a modification of the mandatory safety standard to permit an alternative method of compliance with the requirements for refuge chambers. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the mandatory standard and that application of the existing standard will result in a diminution of safety.

13. The DOE Run Company

[Docket No. M-1999-025-M]

The DOE Run Company, One Oxford Centre, 301 Grant Street, 20th Floor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219-1410 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.11052 (refuge areas) to its Sweetwater Mine/Mill (I.D. No. 23-00458) located in Reynolds County, Missouri. The petitioner requests a modification of the mandatory safety standard to permit an alternative method of compliance with the requirements for refuge chambers. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the mandatory standard and that application of the existing standard will result in a diminution of safety.

14. The DOE Run Company

[Docket No. M-1999-026-M]

The DOE Run Company, One Oxford Centre, 301 Grant Street, 20th Floor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219-1410 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.11052 (refuge areas) to its No. 35 Mine (Casteel) (I.D. No. 23-01800) located in Iron County, Missouri. The petitioner requests a modification of the mandatory safety standard to permit an alternative method of compliance with the requirements for refuge chambers. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the mandatory standard and that application of the existing standard will result in a diminution of safety.

15. The DOE Run Company

[Docket No. M-1999-027-M]

The DOE Run Company, One Oxford Centre, 301 Grant Street, 20th Floor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219-1410 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.11052 (refuge areas) to its No. 28 Mine/Mill (I.D. No. 23-00494) located in Iron County, Missouri. The petitioner requests a modification of the mandatory safety standard to permit an alternative method of compliance with the requirements for refuge chambers. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the mandatory standard and that application of the existing standard will result in a diminution of safety.

16. The DOE Run Company

[Docket No. M-1999-028-M]

The DOE Run Company, One Oxford Centre, 301 Grant Street, 20th Floor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219-1410

has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.11052 (refuge areas) to its No. 29 Mine (I.D. No. 23-00495) located in Iron County, Missouri. The petitioner requests a modification of the mandatory safety standard to permit an alternative method of compliance with the requirements for refuge chambers. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the mandatory standard and that application of the existing standard will result in a diminution of safety.

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, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 627, Arlington, Virginia 22203. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before March 6, 2000. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: January 27, 2000.

Carol J. Jones,

Acting Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-254 and 50-265]

Commonwealth Edison Company and Midamerican Energy Company Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2 Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an exemption from certain requirements of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 50, Section 50.60(a) for Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-29 and DPR-30, issued to Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd, or the licensee) for operation of the Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2 (Quad Cities), located in Cordova, Illinois.

Environmental Assessment*Identification of the Proposed Action*

10 CFR Part 50, Appendix G, requires that pressure-temperature (P-T) limits be established for reactor pressure vessels (RPVs) during normal operating

and hydrostatic or leak rate testing conditions. Specifically, 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix G, states, "The appropriate requirements on both the pressure-temperature limits and the minimum permissible temperature must be met for all conditions." Appendix G of 10 CFR Part 50 specifies that the requirements for these limits are the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (Code), Section XI, Appendix G Limits.

To address provisions of amendments to the technical specifications (TS) P-T limits, the licensee requested in its submittal dated November 12, 1999, that the staff exempt Quad Cities from application of specific requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Section 50.60(a) and Appendix G, and substitute use of ASME Code Cases N-588 and N-640. Code Case N-588 permits the postulation of a circumferentially-oriented flaw (in lieu of an axially-oriented flaw) for the evaluation of the circumferential welds in RPV P-T limit curves. Code Case N-640 permits the use of an alternate reference fracture toughness (K_{IC} fracture toughness curve instead of K_{Ia} fracture toughness curve) for reactor vessel materials in determining the P-T limits. Since the pressure stresses on a circumferentially-oriented flaw are lower than the pressure stresses on an axially-oriented flaw by a factor of 2, using Code Case N-588 for establishing the P-T limits would be less conservative than the methodology currently endorsed by 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix G and, therefore, an exemption to apply the Code Case would be required by 10 CFR 50.60. Likewise, since the K_{IC} fracture toughness curve shown in ASME Section XI, Appendix A, Figure A-2200-1 (the K_{IC} fracture toughness curve) provides greater allowable fracture toughness than the corresponding K_{Ia} fracture toughness curve of ASME Section XI, Appendix G, Figure G-2210-1 (the K_{Ia} fracture toughness curve), using Code Case N-640 for establishing the P-T limits would be less conservative than the methodology currently endorsed by 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix G and, therefore, an exemption to apply the Code Case would also be required by 10 CFR 50.60. It should be noted that, although Code Case N-640 was incorporated into the ASME Code recently, an exemption is still needed because the proposed P-T limits (excluding Code Cases N-588 and N-640) are based on the 1989 edition of the ASME Code.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for exemption dated November 12, 1999.