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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-02619]

#### Perm-O-Penn Exploration, Midland, Texas; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974, an investigation was initiated on September 15, 1998 on behalf of workers at Perm-O-Penn Exploration, Midland, Texas.

The petitioner requested that the petition be withdrawn. Consequently, further investigation in this case would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed in Washington, D.C. this 19th day of October, 1998.

**Grant D. Beale,**

*Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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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, 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 decision being modified.

#### Volume I:

##### Maine

ME980005 (FEB. 13, 1998)  
ME980010 (FEB. 13, 1998)  
ME980022 (FEB. 13, 1998)  
ME980037 (FEB. 13, 1998)

##### New York

NY980002 (FEB. 13, 1998)  
NY980004 (FEB. 13, 1998)  
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NY980022 (FEB. 13, 1998)  
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#### Volume II:

##### Maryland

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##### Pennsylvania

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##### West Virginia

WV980002 (FEB. 13, 1998)  
WV980003 (FEB. 13, 1998)  
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#### Volume III:

##### Georgia

GA980053 (FEB. 13, 1998)

##### Tennessee

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##### Illinois

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#### Michigan

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#### Wisconsin

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 WI980024 (FEB. 13, 1998)

#### Volume V:

##### Kansas

KS980016 (FEB. 13, 1998)

##### Oklahoma

OK980014 (FEB. 13, 1998)

#### Volume VI:

##### Utah

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#### Volume VII:

##### California

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##### Nevada

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 NV980009 (FEB. 13, 1998)

### 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, D.C. 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, D.C. This 22 day of October 1998.

**Carl J. Poleskey,**

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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. U.S. Steel Mining Company, L.L.C.

[Docket No. M-98-81-C]

U.S. Steel Mining Company, L.L.C., 600 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219-2749 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) to its Gary No. 50 Mine (I.D. No. 46-01816) located in Wyoming County, West Virginia. The petitioner proposes to use permanently installed spring-loaded locking devices on battery plugs on battery-powered

equipment instead of using padlocks. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

##### 2. Old Dominion Energy, Inc.

[Docket No. M-98-82-C]

Old Dominion Energy, Inc., P.O. Box 1234, Grundy, Virginia 24614 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1710 (canopies or cabs; diesel-powered and electric face equipment) to its Mine No. 5 (I.D. No. 44-06890) located in Wise County, Virginia. The petitioner proposes to operate electric mobile equipment without canopies in seam heights up to 50 inches. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would not result in a diminution of safety to the miners.

##### 3. Long Branch Energy

[Docket No. M-98-83-C]

Long Branch Energy, P.O. Box 776, Danville, West Virginia 25053 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) to its Mine No. 23 (I.D. No. 46-08637) located in Boone County, Virginia. The petitioner proposes to use a threaded ring and a spring loaded device on battery plug connectors on mobile battery-powered machines to prevent the plug connector from accidentally disengaging while under load. The petitioner asserts that application of the standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners. In addition, the petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

##### 4. CONSOL of Kentucky, Inc.

[Docket No. M-98-84-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 Big Spring No. 16 Mine (I.D. No. 15-17957), E3RF Mine (I.D. No. 15-17894), Motts Branch Mine (I.D. No. 15-18012), and its Big Spring No. 17 Mine (I.D. No. 15-17996) all located in Knott County, Kentucky; and its Wiley (MC) Mine (I.D. No. 15-17220), E3-MC Mine (I.D. No. 15-17720), and its Loves Branch Mine (I.D. No. 15-17814) located in Letcher County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to derive a low and medium voltage three-phase, alternating current for use underground from a portable, diesel-driven generator