

406(a) the Secretary "shall require that adequate notice be given to interested parties, and shall afford interested persons opportunity to present views." Thus, § 2570.43 of the exemption procedures regulation requires that the applicant for an exemption provide interested persons with a copy of the **Federal Register** notice containing the proposed exemption and a statement which informs them of their right to comment on the proposed exemption.

II. Review Focus

The Department of Labor (Department) is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- 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.

III. Current Actions

The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval of this ICR will expire on February 28, 2005. After considering comments received in response to this notice, the Department intends to submit the ICR to OMB for continuing approval. No change to the existing ICR is proposed or made at this time.

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

Agency: Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor.

Title: Procedure for Application for Prohibited Transaction Exemption Regulation pursuant to 29 CFR 2570.30, *et seq.*

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection of information.

OMB Number: 1210-0060.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Respondents: 84.

Responses: 84.

Average Response Time: 25 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 0.

Estimated Total Burden Dollars: \$111,579.

Dated: February 18, 2005.

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*Director, Office of Policy and Research ,
Employee Benefits Security Administration.*

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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 determination 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 wage 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 cause 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 the 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 to 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 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.

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Connecticut

CT20030001 (Jun. 13, 2004)

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Massachusetts

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 NY20030002 (Jun. 13, 2004)
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 NY20030049 (Jun. 13, 2004)
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 NY20030076 (Jun. 13, 2004)

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 AL20030007 (Jun. 13, 2004)
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 MO20030010 (Jun. 13, 2004)
 MO20030011 (Jun. 13, 2004)
 MO20030020 (Jun. 13, 2004)
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 MO20030044 (Jun. 13, 2004)
 MO20030048 (Jun. 13, 2004)
 MO20030050 (Jun. 13, 2004)
 MO20030054 (Jun. 13, 2004)
 MO20030057 (Jun. 13, 2004)
 MO20030058 (Jun. 13, 2004)

Texas

TX20030027 (Jun. 13, 2004)
 TX20030030 (Jun. 13, 2004)
 TX20030038 (Jun. 13, 2004)
 TX20030043 (Jun. 13, 2004)
 TX20030045 (Jun. 13, 2004)
 TX20030122 (Jun. 13, 2004)
 TX20030123 (Jun. 13, 2004)
 TX20030124 (Jun. 13, 2004)

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None.

Volume VII

California
 CA20030025 (Jun. 13, 2004)
 Hawaii
 HI20030001 (Jun. 13, 2004)
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 NV20030001 (Jun. 13, 2004)
 NV20030003 (Jun. 13, 2004)
 NV20030005 (Jun. 13, 2004)
 NV20030007 (Jun. 13, 2004)

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 <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 in Washington, DC, this 17th day of February, 2005.

Terry Sullivan,

Acting Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (05-031)]

National Environmental Policy Act; New Horizons Mission

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for implementation of the New Horizons mission.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as

amended (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and NASA policy and procedures (14 CFR part 1216 subpart 1216.3), NASA has prepared and issued a DEIS for the New Horizons mission. The DEIS addresses the potential environmental impacts associated with continuing the preparations for and implementing the mission. The purpose of this proposal is to explore Pluto, its moon Charon, and possibly one or more objects within the Kuiper Belt. The New Horizons mission is planned for launch in January-February 2006 from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station (CCAFS), Florida, on an expendable launch vehicle. With a launch in mid January 2006, the New Horizons spacecraft would arrive at Pluto as early as 2015 and would conduct scientific investigations of Pluto and its moon, Charon, as it flies past these bodies. The spacecraft may then continue on an extended mission into the Kuiper Belt, where it would investigate one or more of the objects found there. The spacecraft would require electrical power for normal spacecraft operations and to operate the science instruments. One radioisotope thermoelectric generator (RTG) containing plutonium dioxide would be used for this purpose. A backup launch opportunity could occur in February 2007 with an arrival at Pluto in 2019 or 2020 depending upon the exact date of launch.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit comments on environmental concerns on or before April 11, 2005, or 45 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's notice of availability of the New Horizons DEIS, whichever is later.

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted via first class, registered, or certified mail should be addressed to Kurt Lindstrom, Mail Stop 3K39-A, Mission and Systems Management Division, Science Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546-0001. Comments submitted via express mail, a commercial deliverer, or courier service should be addressed to Kurt Lindstrom, Mail Stop 3K39-A, Mission and Systems Management Division, Science Mission Directorate, Attn: Receiving & Inspection (Rear of Building), NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20024-3210. While hard copy comments are preferred, comments by electronic mail may be sent to osspluto@hq.nasa.gov.