

subsection (t) of Section 3306, FUTA" is changed to "Section 401(d)(1) of P.L. 102-318".

b. *UIPL 17-95*. In Item 4.b. on page 2 of the UIPL, the word "voluntarily" is substituted for "voluntary" in the quote of Section 3304(a)(18), FUTA.

In item 4.g. on page 7, first paragraph, the phrase "must be permitting the withholding Federal income tax" is changed to read "and the States must be permitting the withholding of Federal income tax". Also in item 4.g., the words "voluntary holding" in the second sentence of the third paragraph are changed to "voluntary withholding" and the words "as for payments" are changed to "for payments".

c. *UIPL 30-96*. In the second sentence of the footnote on page 2 of the UIPL, "two cases involving UC" is changed to "two cases involving UC law." This change is made because characterizing the court cases in question as "involving UC" may imply that they addressed the payment of UC. Instead, they addressed the taxing provisions of Federal UC law. These taxing provisions are, however, entwined with the issue of coverage which *UIPL 30-96* addresses.

d. *UIPL 37-96*. Two changes are made to the draft language on page 13 of the UIPL relating to the intercept of food stamp overissuances. In Section 1(a) the words "child support obligations" are changed to "an uncollected overissuance of food stamps". In Section 1(c), the word "of" is changed to "to". Also, on page 14, in the last sentence of item 10 of the UIPL, the first of the two appearances of the word "is" is deleted.

5. *Action Required*. Please alert appropriate staff of these technical changes. Pen and ink changes should be made to the above referenced UIPLs as indicated.

6. *Inquiries*. Please direct inquiries to the appropriate Regional Office.

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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, NW., Room S-3014, Washington, DC 20210.

New general Wage Determination Decisions

The number of the decisions added to the Government Printing Office document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts" are listed by Volume and States:

Volume III

South Carolina
SC970035 (Feb. 28, 1997)
SC970036 (Feb. 28, 1997)

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 publications in the Federal Register are in parentheses following the decisions being modified.

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New Jersey
NJ970002 (Feb. 14, 1997)
NJ970003 (Feb. 14, 1997)
NJ970004 (Feb. 14, 1997)
NJ970005 (Feb. 14, 1997)
NJ970007 (Feb. 14, 1997)
NJ970011 (Feb. 14, 1997)
NJ970013 (Feb. 14, 1997)
NJ970015 (Feb. 14, 1997)

Volume II

None

Volume III

Alabama
AL970007 (Feb. 14, 1997)
AL970008 (Feb. 14, 1997)
AL970052 (Feb. 14, 1997)

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Illinois
IL970001 (Feb. 14, 1997)
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IL970055 (Feb. 14, 1997)
IL970065 (Feb. 14, 1997)

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 IN970060 (Feb. 14, 1997)

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 LA970005 (Feb. 14, 1997)
 LA970009 (Feb. 14, 1997)
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 LA970018 (Feb. 14, 1997)

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 ND970024 (Feb. 14, 1997)
 ND970027 (Feb. 14, 1997)

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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 county.

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 (703) 487-4630.

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 State covered by each volume. Throughout the remainder of the year, regular weekly updates are distributed to subscribers.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 21st day of February 1997.

John Frank,

Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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**Occupational Safety and Health
 Administration**

**Proposed Collection; Comment
 Request**

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [U.S.C. 3506 (c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection request for

the Ethylene Oxide Standard 29 CFR 1910.1047. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before April 29, 1997. The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- * 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.

ADDRESSES: Comments are to be submitted to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR-97-4, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, D.C. 20210, telephone (202) 219-7894.

Written comments limited to 10 pages or fewer may also be transmitted by facsimile to (202) 219-5046.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Bonnie Friedman, Director, OSHA Office of Information and Public Affairs, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3647, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-8148. Copies of the referenced information collection request are available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office and will be mailed to persons who request copies by telephoning Vivian Allen at (202) 219-8076. For electronic copies of the Ethylene Oxide Information Collection Request contact OSHA's WebPage on Internet at <http://www.osha.gov/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Ethylene Oxide Standard and its information collection is designed to provide protection for employees from the adverse health effects associated