

- 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 submission of responses.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Application for Certificate to Employ Homeworkers and the Homeworker Handbook.

OMB Number: 1215-0013 (extension).

Agency Number: WH-46, WH-75.

Frequency: On occasion.

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

Number of Respondents: 14,175.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 30 minutes each (WH-46 and WH-75).

Total Burden Hours: 28,916.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$13.30.

Description: An employer must file an application, Form WH-46, to obtain a certificate to be permitted to employ homeworkers in the restricted industries (knitted outerwear, women's apparel, jewelry manufacturing, gloves and mittens, button and buckle manufacturing, handkerchief manufacturing and embroideries). It provides a means of identifying employers of homeworkers. Employers must obtain a separate handbook, WH-75, for each of their employed homeworkers for recordkeeping purposes to ensure employer obligations to obtain accurate hours worked in order to pay homeworkers in compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act.

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Departmental Clearance Officer.

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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 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.

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

Signed at Washington, DC, this 15th day of August 1997.

Carl J. Poleskey,

Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. M-97-88-C]

Petition for Modification; Eastern Associated Coal Corporation

Eastern Associated Coal Corporation, P.O. Box 1233, Charleston, West Virginia 25324 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR

75.380(g) (escapeways; bituminous and lignite mines) to its Federal No. 2 Mine (I.D. No. 46-01456) located in Monogalia County, West Virginia. The petition is filed under section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977.

A summary of the petitioner's statements follows.

1. The petition concerns the requirement that the primary escapeway shall be separated from belt and trolley haulage entries for its entire length.

2. As an alternate method, petitioner proposes to change the longwall panel development to a three-entry system, using trolley wire in the same entry as the intake escapeway.

3. In support of this request, petitioner states:

(a) Air lock doors will be installed at the mouth of the section to separate the main track air from the section track air.

(b) The track entry inby the airlock doors will be ventilated using intake air that will be introduced at the mouth of the section. This entry will be used as the primary escapeway off the section to the airlock doors at which point it will become a separate intake escapeway again.

(c) The return entry on the section will be used as a secondary escapeway to the mouth of the section. While this entry is a section return, lifeline will be maintained.

(d) A person, with mine phone communication will be stationed at a location between airlock doors at all times when other employees are inby the airlock doors. This person will be able to disconnect DC power to the section inby the airlock doors immediately. DC power also will be disconnected when not in use.

(e) A parallel ground will be installed and maintained inby the airlock doors; trolley surveys will be conducted on a monthly basis; rail traffic entering the section inby the airlock doors will be provided additional firefighting materials; and trolley wire repair tools will be supplied.

(f) A 62-inch clearance between the track and trolley wire will be maintained inby the airlock. Double insulated bells will be used for installing trolley wire. CO monitors will be installed in the track at 1,000 foot intervals and automatic water sprays will be installed on the beltline.

(g) Visual and audible warning devices will be installed at the end of the supply track to alert miners when the trolley is energized. The audible device will be used only when the trolley is initially energized and will drop off in no less than five seconds after the power is established.