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Re: Prevailing Wage Rates; Insulation Work.

Dear Mr. Petrucelli:

Your letter to Christine Morris, Secretary of Labor, concerning the proper job classification for persons performing insulation work on the Weymouth Police Station project has been forwarded to me for a response.

First, you should be aware that the Department of Labor and Industries ("DLI") has not employed prevailing wage field inspectors since December of 1993. At that time, the prevailing wage statute was amended to give the Attorney General's Fair Labor and Business Practices Division the responsibility for inspecting all prevailing wage projects. Therefore, it is impossible that a "Labor and Industries field inspector" provided an "interpretation" of the proper category of work for persons performing insulation work.

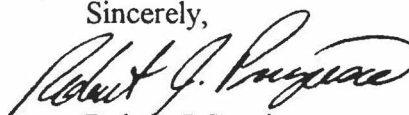
Second, the person who made the "interpretation" was incorrect to assert that the "Insulator" job classification, as contained on prevailing wage schedules issued by DLI, applied to "building insulation by carpenters, masonry insulation, roofing insulation, etc." The proper trade jurisdiction for the "Insulator" job classification is limited to work performed on pipes, tanks, and connecting vessels.

Third, I am amending the job category of "Insulator" on all future wage schedules issued by DLI to more accurately reflect the proper trade jurisdiction.

Lastly, I would like you to be aware that DLI remains responsible for issuing all prevailing wage schedules and making all determinations relating to the applicability of the prevailing wage law. All inquiries may be directed to my office.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Prezioso". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "R".

Robert J. Prezioso