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RELEASE – REVISION OF EXHIBITS 609 AND 610, RESOURCE BOOK, DCMWC  
PROCEDURE MANUAL

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EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL TRANSMITTED:

This transmittal updates Exhibit 609, Wage Base History, and Exhibit 610, Average Earnings of Employees in Coal Mining. Exhibit 609 now has data for 2018 and 2019; Exhibit 610 has data for 2017.

SOURCES:

Ex. 609, Wage Base History – <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/OACT/COLA/cbb.html>

Ex. 610, Average Earnings of Employees in Coal Mining –

<http://data.bls.gov/timeseries/CEU1021210008>

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FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

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DISTRIBUTION:

No. 3  
(All Supervisors, Claims Examiners, Workers' Compensation  
Specialists)

## WAGE BASE HISTORY

<u>Year</u>	<u>Wage Base</u>
1937 - 50	\$ 3,000
1951 - 54	3,600
1955 - 58	4,200
1959 - 65	4,800
1966 - 67	6,600
1968 - 71	7,800
1972	9,000
1973	10,800
1974	13,200
1975	14,100
1976	15,300
1977	16,500
1978	17,700
1979	22,900 1/
1980	25,900 1/
1981	29,700 1/
1982	32,400 2/
1983	35,700
1984	37,800
1985	39,600
1986	42,000
1987	43,800
1988	45,000
1989	48,000
1990	51,300
1991	53,400
1992	56,600
1993	57,600
1994	60,600
1995	61,200
1996	62,700
1997	65,400
1998	68,400
1999	72,600
2000	76,200
2001	80,400
2002	84,900
2003	87,000
2004	87,900
2005	90,000
2006	94,200
2007	97,500
2008	102,000
2009	106,800
2010	106,800
2011	106,800
2012	110,100
2013	113,700
2014	117,000

(See BLBA PM Chapter 2-700.16d)

WAGE BASE HISTORY

<u>Year</u>	<u>Wage Base</u>
2015	\$ 118,500
2016	118,500
2017	127,200
2018	128,400
2019	132,900

1/ Established by P.L. 95-216, enacted December 20, 1977.  
2/ Automatically increased after 1981 to take account of increases in average annual wages.

(See BLBA PM Chapter 2-700.16d)

AVERAGE EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES IN COAL MINING

<u>Year</u>	<u>Yearly (125 days)</u>	<u>Daily</u>
2017	\$ 30,690.00	\$245.52
2016	30,090.00	240.72
2015	30,590.00	244.72
2014	30,290.00	242.32
2013	29,310.00	234.48
2012	28,560.00	228.48
2011	28,450.00	227.60
2010	28,230.00	225.84
2009	26,140.00	209.12
2008	23,270.00	186.16
2007	21,960.00	175.68
2006	22,080.00	176.64
2005	22,060.00	176.48
2004	21,570.00	172.56
2003	19,900.00	159.20
2002	19,640.00	157.12
2001	19,040.00	152.32
2000	19,090.00	152.72
1999	19,340.00	154.72
1998	19,160.00	153.28
1997	19,010.00	152.08
1996	18,740.00	149.92
1995	18,440.00	147.52
1994	17,760.00	142.08
1993	17,260.00	138.08
1992	17,200.00	137.60
1991	17,080.00	136.64
1990	16,710.00	133.68
1989	16,250.00	130.00
1988	15,940.00	127.52
1987	15,750.00	126.00
1986	15,390.00	123.12
1985	15,250.00	122.00
1984	14,800.00	118.40
1983	13,720.00	109.76
1982	12,698.75	101.59
1981	12,100.00	96.80
1980	10,927.50	87.42
1979	10,878.75	87.03
1978	10,038.75	80.31
1977	8,987.50	71.90
1976	8,008.75	64.07
1975	7,405.00	59.24
1974	6,080.00	48.64
1973	5,898.75	47.19
1972	5,576.25	44.61
1971	5,008.75	40.07
1970	4,777.50	38.22
1969	4,261.25	34.09
1968	3,801.25	30.41
1967	3,662.50	29.30
1966	3,438.75	27.51
1965	3,222.50	25.78
1964	3,031.25	24.25
1963	2,835.00	22.68
1962	2,717.50	21.74
1961	2,645.00	21.16

(See BLBA PM 2-700.11a and 14a)

## AVERAGE EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES IN COAL MINING (Cont'd)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Bituminous</u>		<u>Anthracite</u>	
	<u>Yearly</u>	<u>Daily</u>	<u>Yearly</u>	<u>Daily</u>
1960	\$2,687.50	\$21.50	\$2,266.25	\$18.13
1959	2,661.25	21.29	2,183.75	17.47
1958	2,415.00	19.32	2,130.00	17.04
1957	2,581.25	20.65	2,172.50	17.38
1956	2,472.50	19.78	2,083.75	16.67
1955	2,275.00	18.20	1,935.00	15.48
1954	2,022.50	16.18	1,775.00	14.20
1953	2,097.50	16.78	1,695.00	13.56
1952	1,880.00	15.04	1,750.00	14.00
1951	1,915.00	15.32	1,692.50	13.54
1950	1,633.75	13.07	1,553.75	12.43
1949	1,465.00	11.72	1,447.50	11.58
1948	1,691.25	13.53	1,342.50	10.74
1947	1,606.25	12.85	1,262.50	10.10
1946	1,362.50	10.90	1,060.00	8.48
1945	1,315.00	10.52	876.25	7.01
1944	1,267.50	10.14	733.75	5.87
1943	1,057.50	8.46	648.75	5.19
1942	857.50	6.86	705.00	5.64
1941	750.00	6.00	657.50	5.26
1940	617.50	4.94	648.75	5.19
1939	598.75	4.79	705.00	5.64
1938	525.00	4.20	657.50	5.26
1937	585.00	4.68	693.75	5.55
1936	552.50	4.42	703.75	5.63
1935	478.75	3.83	707.50	5.66
1934	450.00	3.60	750.00	6.00
1933	375.00	3.00	717.50	5.74
1932	362.50	2.90	726.25	5.81
1931	455.00	3.64	801.25	6.41
1930	560.00	4.48	875.00	7.00
1929	647.50	5.18	863.75	6.91
1928	671.25	5.37	912.50	7.30
1927	723.75	5.79	925.00	7.40
1926	717.50	5.74	1,062.50	8.50
1925	713.75	5.71	1,065.00	8.52
1924	811.25	6.49	1,058.75	8.47
1923	925.00	7.40	1,007.50	8.06
1922	582.50	4.66	907.50	7.26
1921	905.00	7.24	933.75	7.47
1920	817.50	6.54	888.75	7.11

(See BLBA PM 2-700.11a and 14a)