

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION
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SAND AND GRAVEL DREDGE WORKERS USUALLY UNDER WAGE AND HOUR LAW

The Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, today stated that employees on sand and gravel dredges will not in the ordinary case be regarded as seamen and therefore exempt from the benefits of the Wage and Hour Law. The ruling in the case of Smoot Sand and Gravel Co. in Washington, D. C. will be limited to the particular circumstances and facts of that company's operations.

"There should be compliance with the provisions of Interpretative Bulletin No. 11 except where individual establishments have obtained individual notice from the Administrator that their employees shall be considered seamen and are therefore exempt from the Act", Colonel Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Division, said.

The Division warned that "no general exemption should be assumed by the industry as such assumption would lead to the accumulation of a large contingent liability if it were later determined by the Courts that employees on dredges were not seamen".

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