

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION  
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ADMINISTRATOR UPHOLDS PORTAL TO PORTAL HOURS FOR MINERS:  
POSTPONES EFFECTIVE DATE TO MAY 1

After a conference with representatives of mine operators, General Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, today announced his decision to sustain portal to portal hours for subsurface metal miners, but to postpone the effective date of this construction of "hours worked" in this industry until May 1. More than 100,000 miners are employed in the industries affected.

A report of Harold Stein, Assistant Director of the Hearings Branch of the Division, recommending a portal to portal construction for the computation of metal miners' pay was approved by the Administrator in March to be effective April 1. Under this construction metal miners are to be paid for all time underground except for lunch periods of a half hour or longer.

Statements made by the mine operators showed that there would be some difficulty in revising practices so promptly to bring them into line with this interpretation of the law, General Fleming said in regard to this postponement.

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