



BLBA BULLETIN NO. 11-1

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Subject: Trust Fund Conversions: Frontier Insurance Company Bond for Zeigler/Old Ben

Background: Our Office of the Solicitor has reached a tentative settlement with Frontier Insurance Company, which issued the bond that covered Zeigler/Old Ben claims in which the date of last CME was during the period from July 20, 1990 to April 29, 2001. These claims can now be converted to Trust Fund claims.

Purpose: To provide guidance for District Office staff in adjudicating claims in which the date of last employment was during this period with Zeigler/Old Ben Coal Company whose insurance bond was issued by Frontier Insurance Company.

Applicability: Appropriate DCMWC Personnel.

Action: Convert the Benefit Master record from Interim Pay to TF pay in the following claims: active claims pending at the District Director level in which the date of last CME occurred during the period from July 20, 1990 to April 29, 2001, the RO ID is 0068170 for Old Ben or 0099590 for Zeigler, and the IC ID is NR191. The RO ID and IC fields on the Claim Master screen should continue to show Zeigler or Old Ben and self-insurance identification numbers. A list of claims that fall into this category will be sent to all offices separately.

Disposition: Retain this Bulletin until further notice or its incorporation into the Black Lung Benefits Procedure Manual.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Breeskin".

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