

U. S. Department of Labor

Office of Workers' Compensation Programs
Division of Longshore and
Harbor Workers' Compensation
200 Constitution Avenue N.W. , Room S-3229
Washington, DC 20210



July 31, 2020

Notice No. 181

To: Insurance Carriers and Self-Insured Employers under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, and its extensions, and the District Of Columbia Compensation Act

Subject: 2020 Final Assessment for the Special Fund

Notice: This notice addresses the 2020 Final Assessment billing and instructions for forwarding payment. (**PLEASE READ PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY**)

On January 27, 2020, pursuant to Section 44 of the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, a Notice was sent to all insurance carriers and self-insured employers authorized under the Act and its extensions (including the District of Columbia Compensation Act), requesting a report of the amount of all compensation and medical payments made during calendar year 2019. Instructions for the submission of Form LS-513, Report of Payments, was included in the Industry Notice.

All payments made during calendar year 2019 by insurance carriers and self-insured employers have now been reported. A total of **\$820,509,290** in compensation payments has been reported under the Longshore Act and three extensions, the Defense Base Act, the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, and the Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities Act. A total of **\$2,057,390** has been reported under the District of Columbia Compensation Act for compensation and medical payments in cases where the date of injury arose prior to July 26, 1982.

This Office has determined that for calendar year 2020, a total of **\$94,000,000** is needed for the Special Fund under the Longshore Act and extensions (excluding the D.C. Act) and a total of **\$6,000,000** is needed for the Special Fund under the District of Columbia Act. Proceeds from the Special Fund assessment are used for payments under Sections 8(f), 10(h), and 18(b) plus other payments provided for under Section 44 of the Act.

On July 31, 2020 the Office mailed all final 2020 assessment bills reflecting amounts owed for the assessment year. The billing mailed by the Office shows the calculation on which your assessment is based. Under the Longshore Act and extensions (except the D.C. Act) the assessment is based on (1) the ratio of the amount each carrier or self-insurer paid during the prior calendar year for compensation benefits in relation to the amount all such carriers and self-insurers paid during that period, and (2), the ratio of the amount of payments made by the Special Fund attributable to each carrier or self-insurer for cases being paid under Section 8(f) of the Act during the preceding calendar year in relation to the total of such payments. The resulting sum is divided by two and multiplied by the estimated expenses of the Fund. The amount paid for the advance assessment is credited against the total assessment and the amount now due is shown as the last figure.

Under the District of Columbia Compensation Act the ratio of the amount each carrier or self-insurer paid during the prior calendar year for compensation and medical benefits in relation to the amount all such carriers and self-insurers paid during that period is multiplied by the estimated expenses of the Fund.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAYING YOUR FINAL ASSESSMENT(S)

Options for remitting payment: The U.S. Treasury has mandated that payments to the Federal government be conducted by FedWire/ACH credit to the greatest extent possible.

Payment Option 1 – To process a Fed Wire with Treasury New York, you MUST email your wire instructions to the Longshore Assessment Questions email box: **Longshore_Assessment_Questions@dol.gov** with the subject line “**WIRE INSTRUCTIONS**” prior to the transaction. When emailing the wire instructions, you must include your company’s name, the bill and sequence numbers (SEQ) as shown on the bill; the bill and SEQ number can be found on the top left hand corner of your bill.

Bank: Federal Reserve Bank of New York
Routing number: 021030004
Account number: 16150003

Payment Option 2 – You may also submit a check made payable to U.S. Department of Labor, with a copy of the bill, to the address below. Please note that your check will be converted to an electronic fund transfer and electronically debited to your account. The original check will be destroyed but a copy will be retained.

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Payments should not be combined regardless of whether payment is made via wire or check:

- **Do not combine payments for subsidiary companies that fall under your control. If paying by check, you should submit a separate check for each subsidiary with a corresponding bill attached. If paying by wire, your wire instructions should clearly reflect the subsidiaries for which you are forwarding payment and the individual amounts remitted.**
- **Do not combine payments for the LHWCA assessment and the DCCA assessment.**

YOUR DEADLINES

Due Dates:

Payment of the Final Assessment bill is due by **August 31, 2020**.

Questions: For questions pertaining to this year's final assessment, please submit your inquiry to the Longshore Assessment Questions email box at the following address:

Longshore_Assessment_Questions@dol.gov

You may also call the OWCP/DLHWC Branch of Financial Management Insurance and Assessments at (202) 354-9620.

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