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**PCRB CIRCULAR NO. 1618**

To All Members of the PCRB:

Re: **MANUAL REVISIONS TO SECTIONS 1 AND 2 – MERGER OF CODE 602, ROAD OR STREET CONSTRUCTION: SUBSURFACE WORK, INTO CODE 609, EXCAVATION**

**PCRB FILING NO. 253**  
**APPROVED EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2014**

The PCRB has filed and the Insurance Commissioner has approved Manual revisions to Section 2, which merge Code 602, Road Or Street Construction: Subsurface Work, into Code 609, Excavation. These revisions become **effective as of 12:01 a.m., April 1, 2014** with respect to new and renewal business only.

The PCRB performed a review of Code 602, which found that there was no significant statistical difference between the historical experience of Codes 602 and 609. The PCRB further noted that the rating values of Codes 602 and 609 are currently almost identical. Merging Code 602 into Code 609 will assign all excavation operations to the same classification, thus eliminating the need for two separate excavation classifications and the potential for misallocation of payroll between alternative classifications.

Manual revisions are shown below with new wording underlined and deleted wording bracketed:

**SECTION 1 - UNDERWRITING RULES**

**CHANGES**

**RULE IX – SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR OPERATIONS AFFECTING COVERAGE**

**H. PENNSYLVANIA CONSTRUCTION CLASSIFICATION PREMIUM ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM**

1. The Pennsylvania Construction Classification..... premium adjustment credit.

“Construction classifications” are those classifications subject to the following code numbers:

CHANGES (continued)

601	609	648	656	663	670	679
[602]	611	649	657	664	673	681
603	615	651	658	665	674	691
605	617	652	659	666	675	693
606	645	653	660	667	676	695
607	646	654	661	668	677	
608	647	655	662	669		

**SECTION 2**

**CLASSIFICATIONS**

CHANGES

**028 OIL OR GAS PRODUCTION**, Operation of Wells – including gasoline mfg. from casing-head gas.

Applicable to the operation..... intervention to fix.

***OPERATIONS NOT INCLUDED:***

As provided for in this Manual..... not necessarily limited to:

1. No change
2. Assign the applicable construction classification(s) to site preparation, including but not necessarily limited to: building of the dirt or stone-covered access road (Code [602]609), clearing of land (Code 609), digging water ponds (Code 609), laying or taking up of flow lines (Code 609), installing piping to brine tanks (Code 675) and installing pumping units (Code 675).
3. No change
4. No change
5. Assign Code 012 to separate staff or an independent contractor principally engaged in performing the installation of well pad containment liners and fences (barriers).
6. No change

**601 ROAD or Street CONSTRUCTION:** Paving or Repaving

Applies to the laying ..... shall be assigned to Code 601.

[As provided for in this Manual..... and stone crushing.]

**OPERATIONS ALSO INCLUDED:**

1. Concrete drilling or sawing on highways or roads.
2. Flagmen provided by specialist contractors.
3. Painting lines on highways or roads.
4. Safety grooving of road surfaces by specialist contractor.

CHANGES (continued)

**OPERATIONS NOT INCLUDED:**

1. CLEARING OF LAND projects shall be classified as delineated in the General Auditing & Classification Information section.
2. Separately rate subsurface work which involves all work necessary to bring the road up to grade: earth or rock excavation, filling or grading to Code 609.
3. Separately rate tunneling projects to Code 615.
4. Separately rate bridge and culvert building where clearance is more than 10 feet at any point or the entire distance between terminal abutments exceeds 20 feet to Code 654.
5. Assign the applicable quarrying classification to quarrying and stone crushing by the quarry operator.

**609 EXCAVATION**

Applicable to payroll developed in general excavation, grading, trench digging, filling or backfilling. Also applicable to road construction subsurface work which involves all work necessary to bring the road up to grade, including earth or rock excavation, filling or grading. Such work is performed with power shovels, trench diggers, bulldozers or graders. The business may be a specialist excavation contractor principally engaged in one or more of the listed tasks. The business may be a general contractor employing a separate staff performing one or more of the listed tasks or the business has kept separate payroll records for personnel who interchange between one or more of the tasks listed above and other construction tasks assigned to another construction classification.

**OPERATIONS ALSO INCLUDED:**

1. All methods of clearing or removing brush and/or tree stumps that is not incident to tree removal [except for road construction].
2. through 5. remain unchanged.

**OPERATIONS NOT INCLUDED:**

- [1. Assign Code 602..... filling or grading.]
- [2]1. Assign the applicable "all work to completion..... job or project.
2. Separately rate the laying of a road's sub-base, its paving or repaving, surfacing or resurfacing or scraping to Code 601. This also includes airport runways or warming aprons.
3. Separately rate tunneling projects to Code 615.
4. Separately rate bridge and culvert building where clearance is more than 10 feet at any point or the entire distance between terminal abutments exceeds 20 feet to Code 654.
5. Assign the applicable quarrying classification to quarrying and stone crushing by quarry operator.

CHANGES (continued)

**UNDERWRITING GUIDE**

Rock Excavation, Not Quarry[,Not By Road Contractor]

To 609 (from 602):

- Airport Runway Or Warming Apron Construction - Sub-surface Work
- Culvert Construction, Not Exceeding 10 Feet Span
- Excavation - Street Or Road - Including Rock Excavation
- Street Or Road Rock Excavation
- Sub-Surface Work - Road Or Street Construction

DELETIONS

[602 ROAD or Street CONSTRUCTION: ..... and stone crushing.]

**UNDERWRITING GUIDE**

[Rock Excavation, Not Quarry, By Road Contractor]

**GENERAL AUDITING AND CLASSIFICATION INFORMATION**

CHANGES

**CLEARING OF LAND**

Below find the class..... in Sections 1 or 2 of this Manual.

- 1. and 2. remain unchanged.
- 3. Assign Code 609 for all methods of clearing or removing brush and/or stump removal not incident to tree removal [except for]including road construction. [Such work for a road job or project is subject to Code 602.]
- 4. and 5. remain unchanged.

The Basic Manual will be updated on our website (www.pcrb.com) at a later date.

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