

International Union of Operating Engineers

LOCAL 545, 545-A, 545-B, 545-C, 545-D & 545-R

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October 15, 2001

Erik W. Koeppen
Reports Analyst
Reports Analyst Division
Federal Election Commission
Washington, D.C.

RE: ID# COO111591
Reference 30 Day Post-General Report (10/19/00 - 11/27/00)

Dear Mr. Koeppen,

As requested, this letter is to assist in clarifying how International Union of Operating Engineers Local 545 Voluntary Political Action Fund monthly receipts are generated. I have enclosed a signature card signed by our members that in turn would generate voluntary deductions per month, per member. Since the hourly contribution is minimal, the monthly contribution to my knowledge has not exceeded two hundred (\$200.00) dollars per member, per month.

This contribution is included with benefits paid monthly by individual contractors on behalf of the Local 545 members they employed. This check is sent to the Engineers Joint Benefit Fund, and disbursed to the Individual Funds (see enclosed sample reporting form). Among the funds disbursed, Local 545 receives its Voluntary Political Action Fund (VPAF) deductions each month in this fashion. That amount differs month to month and is reported to the Federal Election Commission in the receipts column (11A).

I hope this information is sufficient for your inquiry, please let us know if additional information is requested.

Sincerely, ...

Bernie De Joseph
Treasurer
Engineers Voluntary Political Action Fund

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ENGINEERS JOINT BENEFIT FUNDS
of the
INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS
101 Intrepid Lane -- P.O. Box 100 - Calvin Station
Syracuse, New York 13205-0100
Phone (315) 492-1796 * FAX (315) 492-6618

Office Use Only	
Employer #	_____
Local	_____
Job #	_____
Con. Type	_____
Rate Type	_____
Date Rec'd	_____
Report #	_____
Clk. Amt.	_____

Local Union 545 * **HEAVY & HIGHWAY**

Contractor Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone: _____

FAX: _____

Project Location / County: _____

Period Worked: _____ through _____

By submitting this remittance report and/or contributions to the Funds, the Employer agrees that it is bound to a collective bargaining agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 17, 106, 463, 545, and/or 832 and the Agreements and Declarations of Trust of the Engineers Joint Welfare, Pension, Supplemental Unemployment Benefit and Training Funds, the Agreement and Declaration of Trust of the Central Pension Fund of the International Union of Operating Engineers and Participating Employers, and any restatements or amendments thereof and any policies adopted thereunder.

By submitting this report, the Employer certifies that it does not include any owners, partners, sole proprietors, or independent contractors.

NAME OF EMPLOYEE	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	GROSS WAGES	STRAIGHT TIME HOURS	OVERTIME HOURS	TOTAL HOURS
TOTALS:					

Effective 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2002

The Employer hereby certifies, and by submitting this report certifies it has identified, any bargaining unit individual who is exercising rights under the Family and Medical Leave Act and/or is leaving or has left employment to enter the military service.

Mail this original form and (2) copies, with a check(s) payable to the **Engineers Joint Benefit Funds**. (No cash accepted)

NOTE: Employer contributions and employee deductions must be received at the Fund Office on or before the 15th of the month following the month in which the hours were worked. Reports received after that date will be considered delinquent and are subject to late charges. In the event there are no employees, a report must be filed indicating.

Employer Contributions:

- Pension Fund @ \$2.75 per hour \$ _____
- Welfare Fund @ \$4.60 per hour \$ _____
- Training Fund @ \$1.75 per hour \$ _____
- Central Pension Fund @ \$1.75 per hour \$ _____
- Personal Account Plan @ \$1.20 per hour \$ _____

Employee Deductions:

- Discs deduction @ 4.0% gross wages \$ _____
- VPAF deduction @ \$.07 per hour \$ _____

TOTAL TO BE REMITTED TO ENGINEERS JOINT BENEFIT FUNDS: \$ _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

IF more forms are needed, check box



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Bernard DeJoseph, Treasurer
International Union of Operating Engineers, Locals
545, 545C and 545D Voluntary PAC
4325 South Salina Street
Syracuse, NY 13205

SEP 26 2001

Identification Number: C00111591

Reference: 30 Day Post-General Report (10/19/00-11/27/00)

Dear Mr. DeJoseph:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule A of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses a receipt(s) from an organization(s) that is not registered with the Commission. 2 U.S.C. §441b prohibits the receipt of funds from national banks, corporations, and labor organizations. Under 11 CFR §102.6, however, certain entities may serve as collecting agents for the purpose of transmitting contributions to a separate segregated fund. A collecting agent may be, but is not limited to, a committee which is affiliated with the separate segregated fund; the connected organization; or a local, national, or international union.

Funds received from a collecting agent are to be attributed to the original contributors and should be disclosed according to the requirements of 11 CFR §104.3(a). If the amounts in question were contributed by individuals and transmitted to your committee by a collecting agent, the activity should be included on Line 11(a)(i) of the Detailed Summary Page. Any contribution from an individual exceeding \$200 in the aggregate during the calendar year should be itemized on a supporting Schedule A. Collecting agents need not be identified on your report.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. If you have received funds from an entity which was not serving as a collecting agent, you must transfer-out the impermissible funds to an account not used to influence federal elections or refund the full amount to the donors in accordance with 11 CFR §103.3(b). In the best interest of your committee, all transfers-out and refunds should be made within thirty days of the treasurer's receipt of the impermissible funds. In order to protect the donor's interests, the Commission recommends that you inform the possible involuntary contributors in writing to provide the donors with the option of receiving a refund or granting written authorization for a transfer to another account.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for the transfer-out or refund. In addition, any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report covering the period during which the transaction was made.

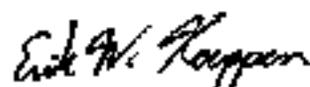
Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of prohibited contributions, prompt action by your committee in transferring-out or refunding the amounts will be taken into consideration.

-The totals listed on Lines 11(a)(i), 11(a)(ii), 11(d), 19, 20, 22, 23, 29, 30, and 31, Column B of the Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B totals. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-Your calculations for Lines 6(c), 6(d), and 7 Column B appear to be incorrect. Please provide the corrected totals on the Summary Page.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



Erik W. Koeppen
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

SCHEDULE A

ITEMIZED RECEIPTS

Use separate schedule(s) for each category of the Detailed Summary Page

FOR LINE NUMBER
11A1

Any information copied from such Reports and Statements may not be sold or used by any person for the purpose of soliciting contributions or for commercial purposes, other than using the name and address of any political committee to solicit contributions from such committee.

NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)
INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, LOCALS 545, 545C AND 545D VOLUNTARY PAC

Full Name, Mailing Address, and ZIP Code

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, LOCALS 545, 545C AND 545D VOLUNTARY PAC
127 East Chest Avenue

SYRACUSE NY 13205

Name of Employer

Occupation

Date (month, day, year)

11/02/2000

Amount of Each Receipt this Period

3830.69

VPAF CONTRIBUTIONS

Receipt For: Primary General

Other (specify):

Aggregate Year-to-Date \$ 3830.69

SUBTOTALS of Receipts This Page (Optional)

TOTALS This Period (last page this line number only)

3830.69

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