

AASHTOWARE PROJECT CIVIL RIGHTS & LABORTM (CRL)

Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

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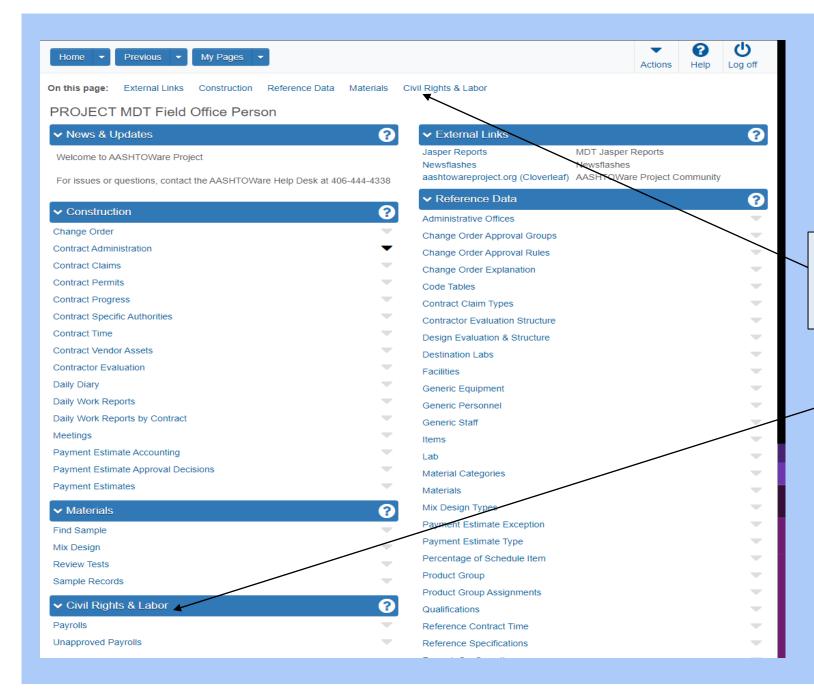
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ELECTRONIC PAYROLL EPM/FOP ROLE

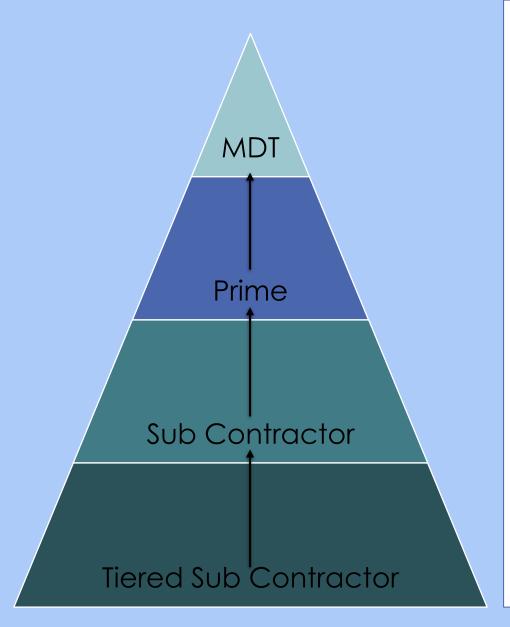


EPM/FOP Home screen

Click on the Civil Rights & Labor Quick Link to move to the CRL area for Payrolls or scroll down. Prime and Sub Contractors submit payrolls using external access.

MDT Field personnel (EPM/FOP) Review and Approve or Reject the payrolls as appropriate.

When payrolls are entered (or imported) into CRL, the payrolls are progressed through an external workflow with both Agency and Non-agency (that is, Prime and Sub Contractor) Users.



Before a Tiered Sub Contractor payroll can be processed by the Agency, the Prime Contractor or Parent Sub Contractor must first review and progress the payroll.

The Progress Tiered Payroll component links in AASHTOWare are a guided process to make this review easier for contractors to perform.

Payroll Workflow Phase Definitions

A Phase is the status in the Workflow the payroll is in.

Initial – Initially entered by Prime or Sub. It's unsigned and can be altered or deleted.

Under Tier Review – Sub Contractor needs to review a lower Tier Sub and move the payroll to the next step in the Tier Review process.

Under Prime Review - Sub Contractor has signed the payroll. The Prime then reviews and forwards it to the Agency.

Returned - If the Prime Contractor or Parent Sub Contractor returns the payroll back to the Sub Contractor during the Under Prime Review or Under Tier Review phase, the payroll status changes to Returned. **Prime Rejected -** A payroll enters this phase when the Prime Contractor rejects a Sub Contractor's payroll after it has been rejected by the Agency.

Under Agency Review - Prime has approved the payroll and it's then moved to the Agency for Review and Approval

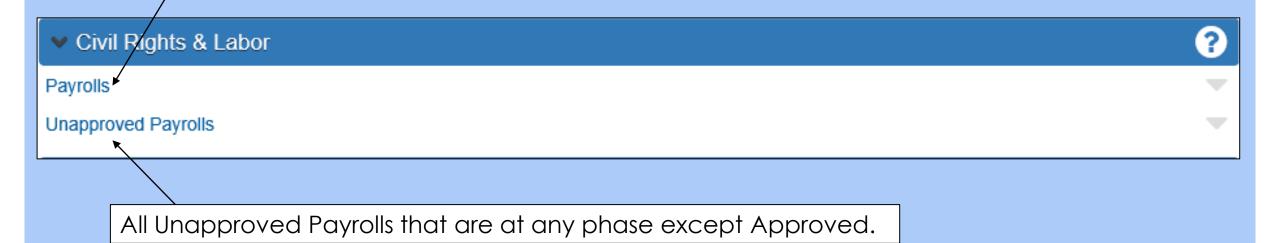
Agency Rejected – The Agency has rejected the payroll for errors. The Payroll Exception Report can be run, and the payroll must be modified and resubmitted

Approved – The Agency has Approved the payroll and no further action is required.

PAYROLL APPROVAL PROCESS

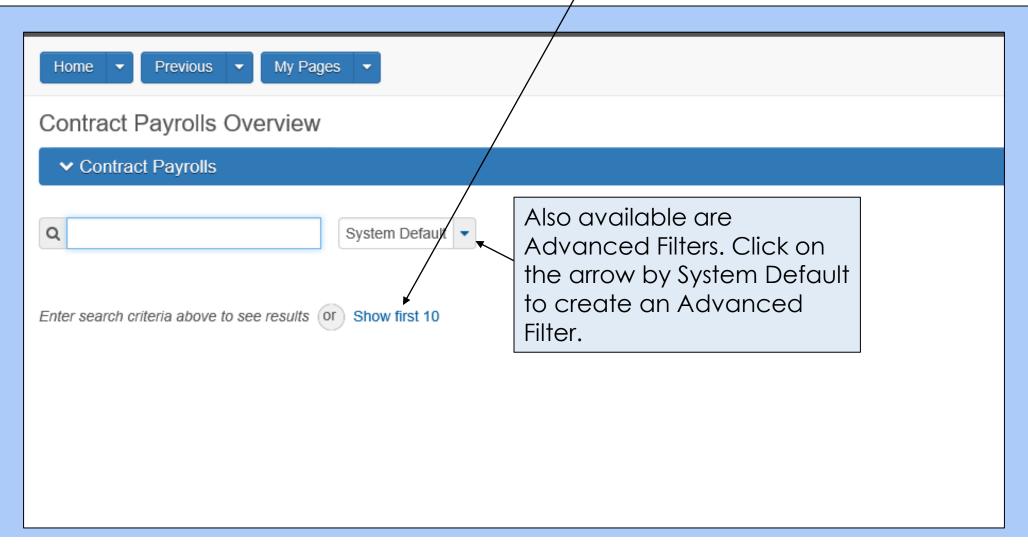
Civil Rights & Labor Component (CRL)

All Payrolls no matter what Phase they are in.

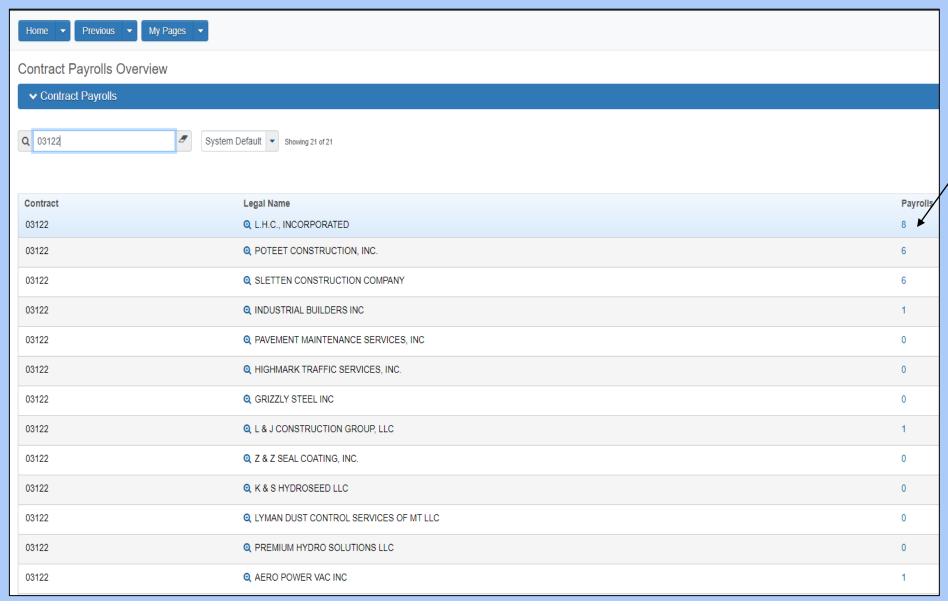


Below shows the Contract Payrolls Overview screen accessed by clicking on Payrolls.

You can search for a particular contract by its **Contract number** or by the **Vendors Legal Name** whether Prime or Sub Contractor. Or you can click on **Show first 10**.



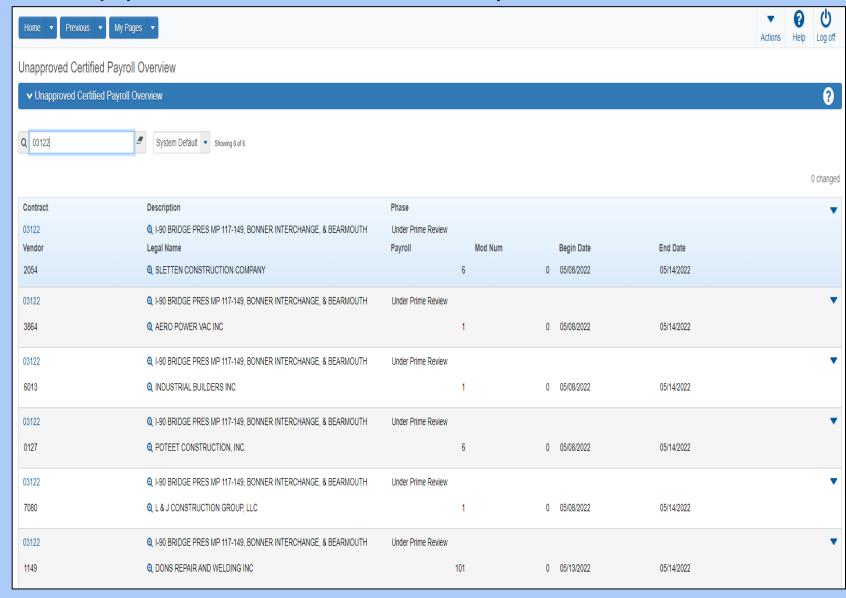
Contract Certified Payroll Overview



Once you find your contract, click on the blue Payrolls number to view all payrolls for a Contractor.

When something is in **Blue** it's a link that you can click on.

Unapproved Certified Payroll Overview



Below shows the
Unapproved Certified Payroll
Overview screen accessed
by clicking on **Unapproved Payrolls**. You can find your
contract by entering the **Contract number** in the
search box.

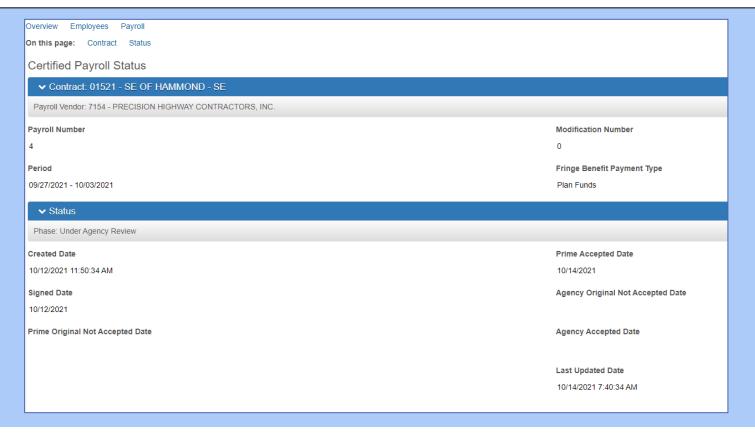
When opened, the screen shows the Contract, Contract Description, Contractor Legal Name, the Phase the payroll is in, Payroll Number, Modification Number and Week Beginning and Ending Dates.

Certified Payroll Status

Once you open the payroll, you will see these items in the heading:

Overview Emp		ployees	Payroll	
On this pag	je:	Contract	Status	

To work with a payroll, scroll to the **Status** component. You are looking for Payrolls with the status of **Under Agency Review**. In this component, you will view payroll **Transitions**, **Exceptions**, **Employee Mismatches** and **Approve** or **Reject** the payroll.



RESOLVING PAYROLL EXCEPTIONS

Payroll Exceptions

The first time a payroll is progressed to **Under Agency Review** status, the system automatically validates the payroll for payroll exceptions against the contracts Wage Decision (Wage Rates).

When the system detects payroll data that does not conform to the payroll exception rules, it generates a payroll exception and displays a message to inform the user of the problem.

Exception types include:

Employee – Potential Employee Mismatch.

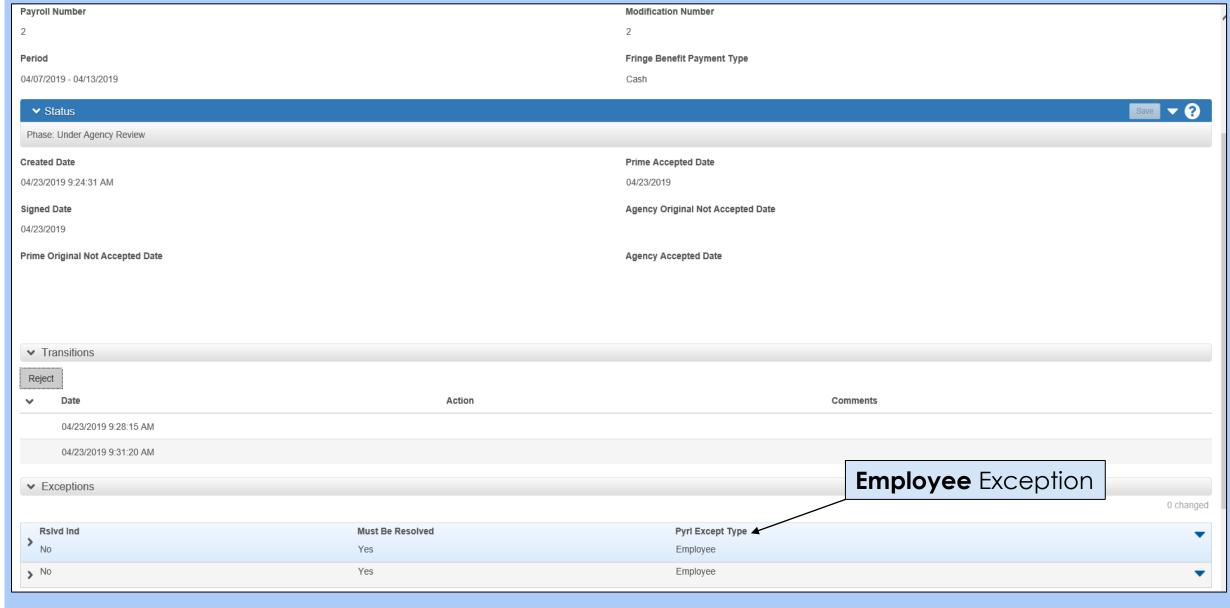
Labor – Wages are inaccurate based on contractor entered data against system data like the Federal Highway Wage Decision.

This could be a **Rounding** error. Rounding usually is associated to Overtime.

Fringe – Fringe benefit calculations are inaccurate based on contractor entered data and system data.

This could also be a **Rounding** error. Rounding is usually associated to Overtime.

Resolving Payroll Exception Type – Employee



Employee Mismatch

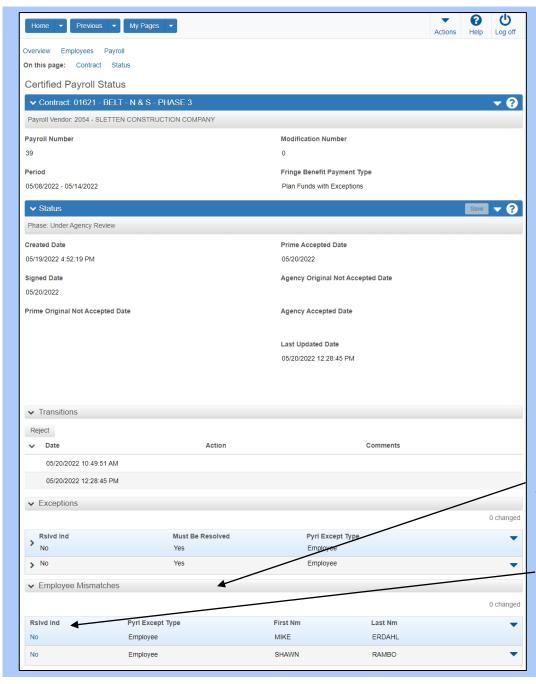
Most times an **Employee** Payroll Exception Type is due to an **Employee Mismatch**.

This is because information for the payroll employee matches an existing reference employee in all but one of the following fields:

First Name,
Middle Initial,
Last Name,
Gender,
Ethnic Group and
Partial Social Security Number. This is usually where
the process gets hung up causing the
mismatch.



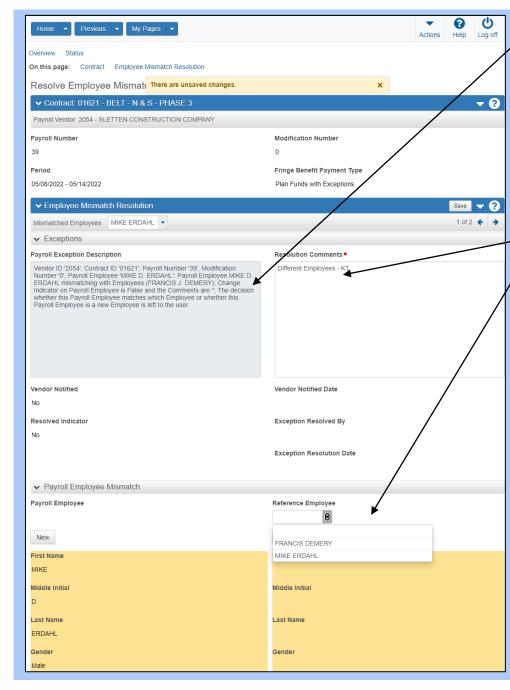
Follow the step-by-step process on the next slides to resolve the Exceptions



Click on **UNAPPROVED PAYROLLS** and Select the Payroll to review.

Scroll to the **Employee Mismatches** at the bottom of the page.

-Under the **RSVLD** indicator, Click on **No**, this opens the Mismatch.



Review the **Payroll Exception Description** in the **Employee Mismatch Resolution** component.

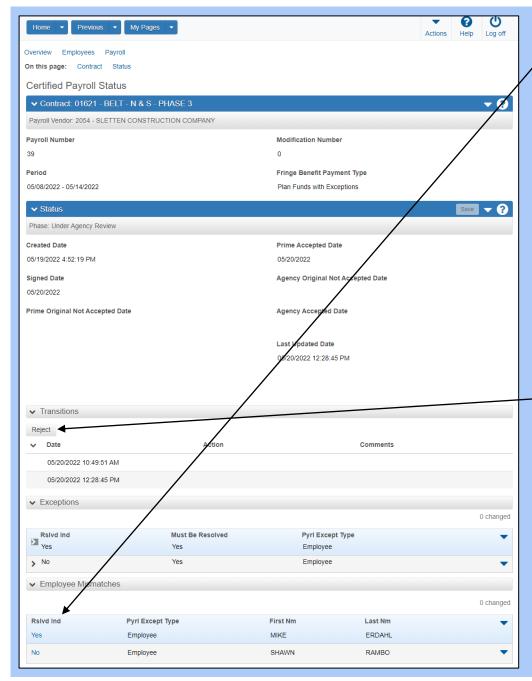
If the mismatch is due to two different employees with the same last four social security numbers, type Different employees, and your initials in the **Resolution Comments** box then click outside of the box and **Save**. This must be done first.

Next select the employee in the dropdown that is the same as the one on the left. Once you have the same name on the left and right, click **Update**. The system will tell you Successfully Updated Employee.

If the employees name on the left is not available in the dropdown, select the name of the person they mismatched with.

In this example, if Mike Erdahl's name was not available, select Francis Demery, then click on **New** on the left. The system will tell you it Successfully Created New Employee.

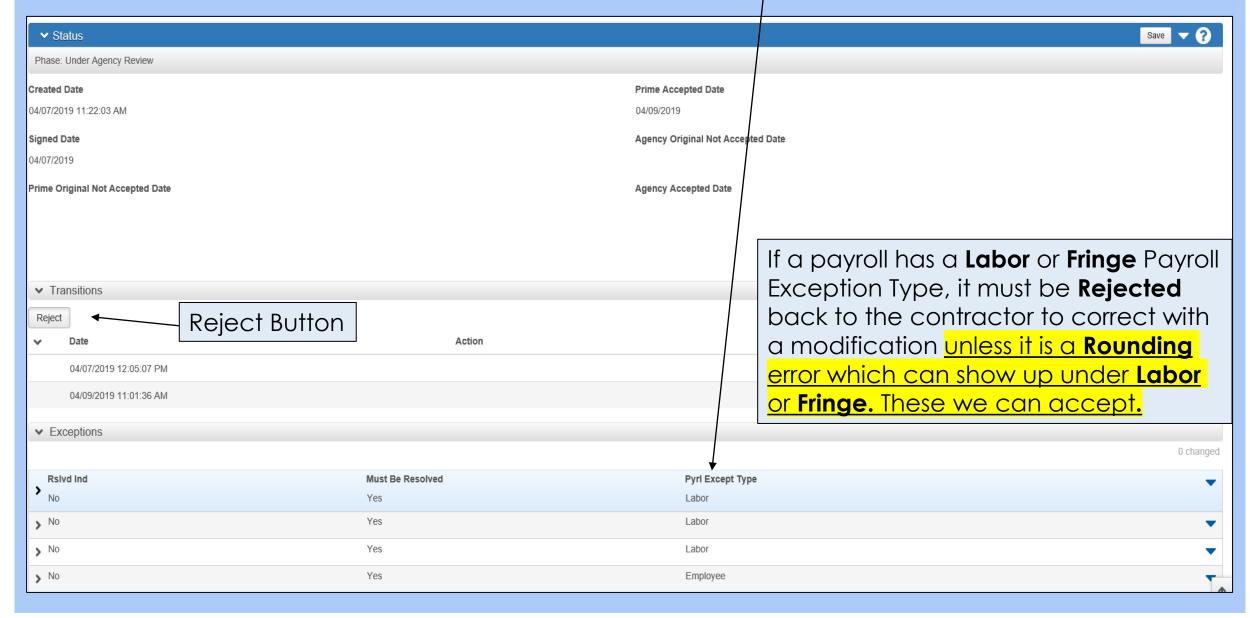
You will <u>never</u> click on Update when the name on the left and right are two different employees.



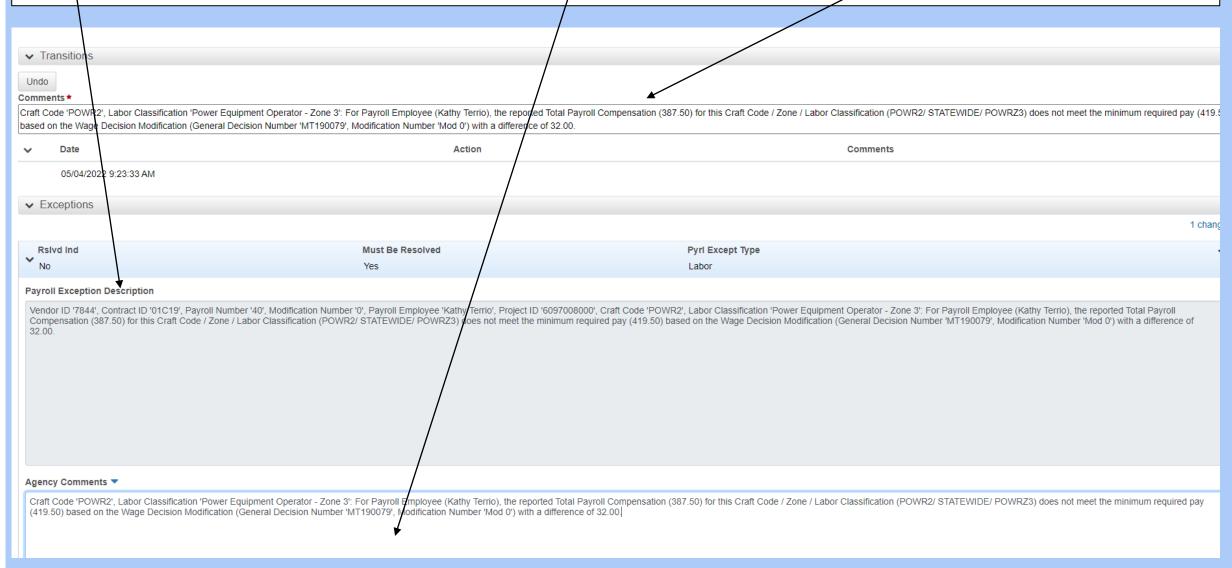
Once all the exceptions have been resolved and each **Rslvd Ind** says Yes, the **Approve** button will be visible.

-Until then, only the **Reject** button is available.

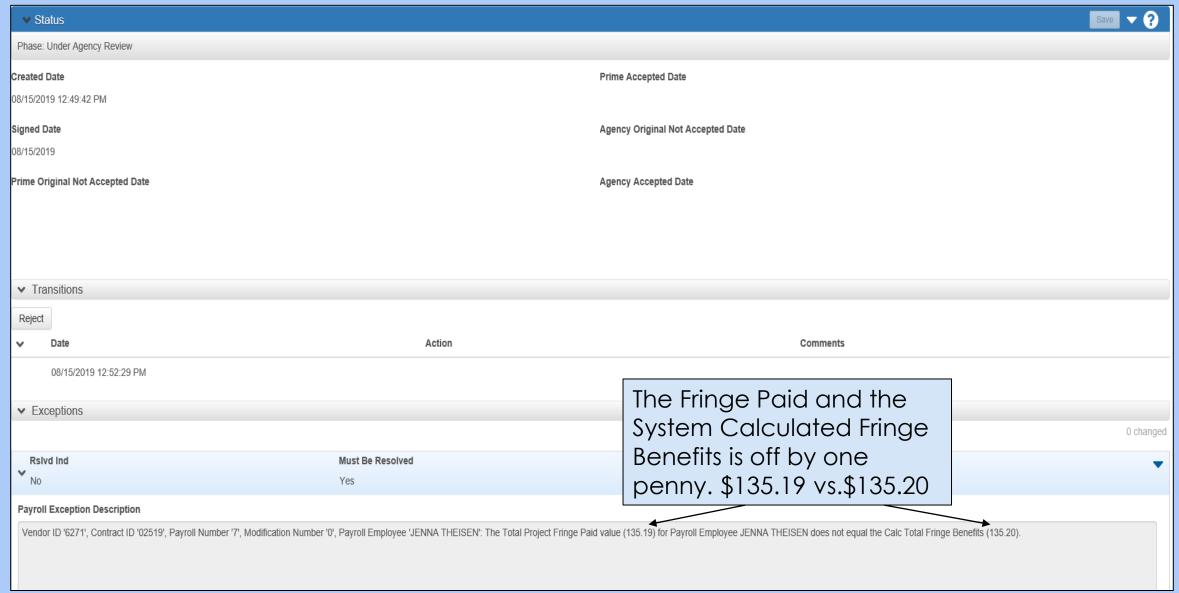
Resolving Payroll Exception Type – Labor and/or Fringe



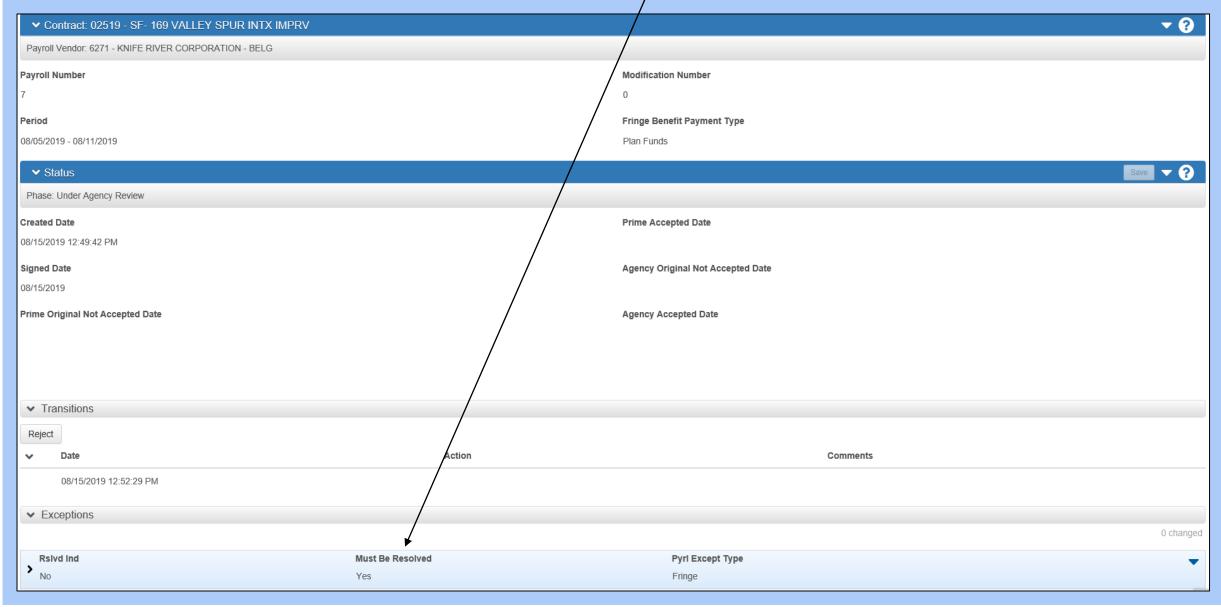
When you click on **Reject** as shown on the previous slide, an **Agency comments** box will open. Copy the **Payroll Exception Description** into the **Agency Comments** box. A comment <u>must</u> be entered before saving. Remember to check the Vendor Notified box.



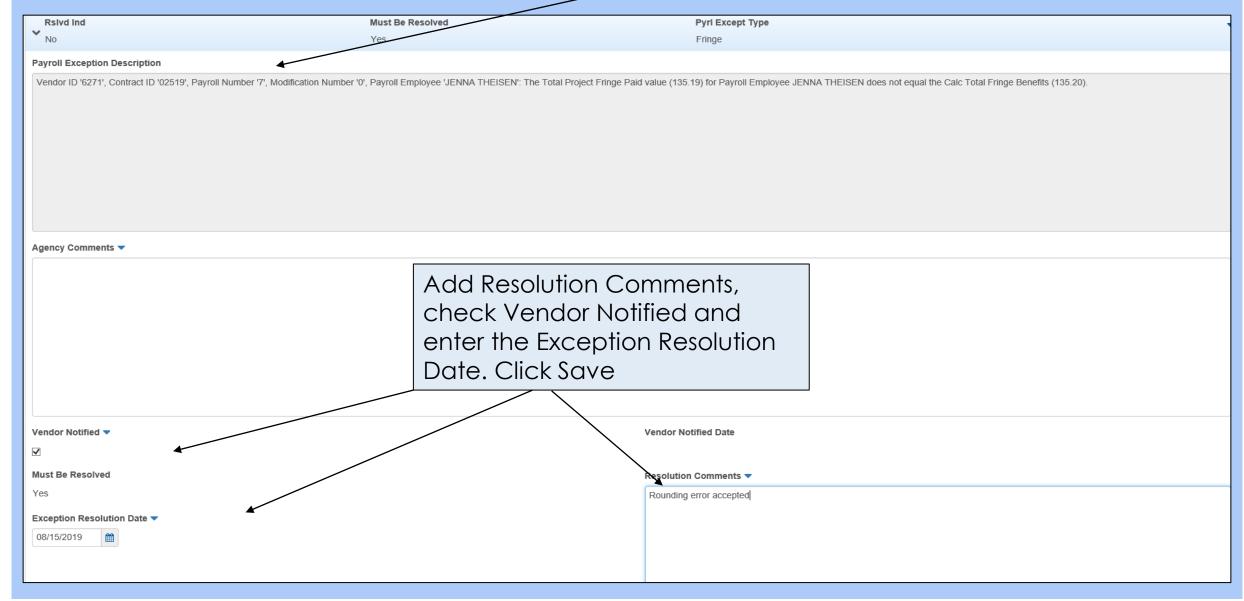
Accepting a Rounding Error



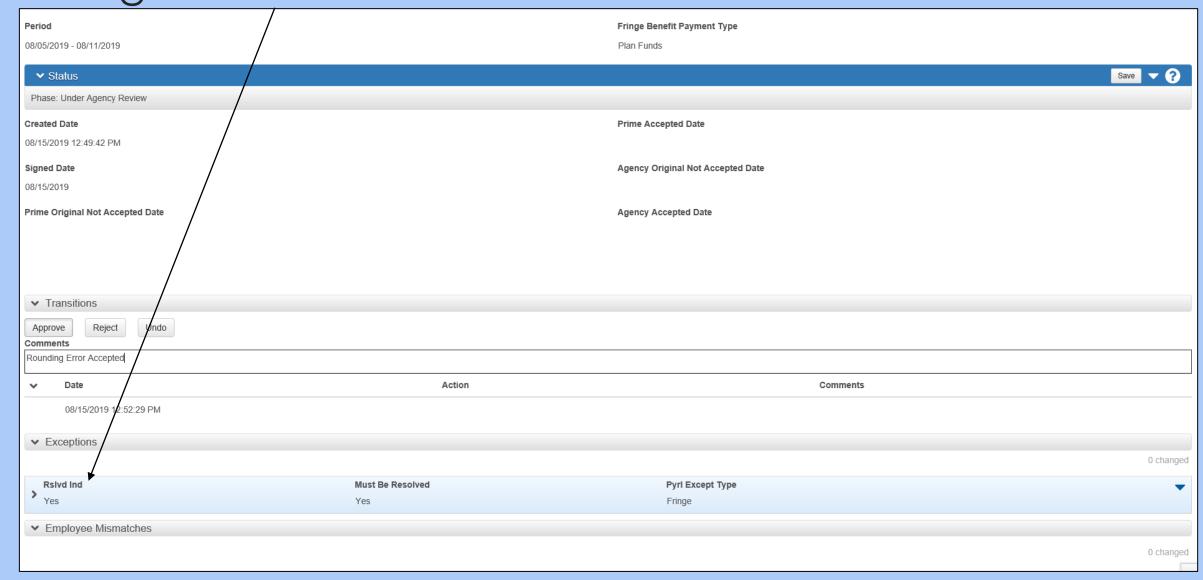
A Rounding Error Must be Resolved



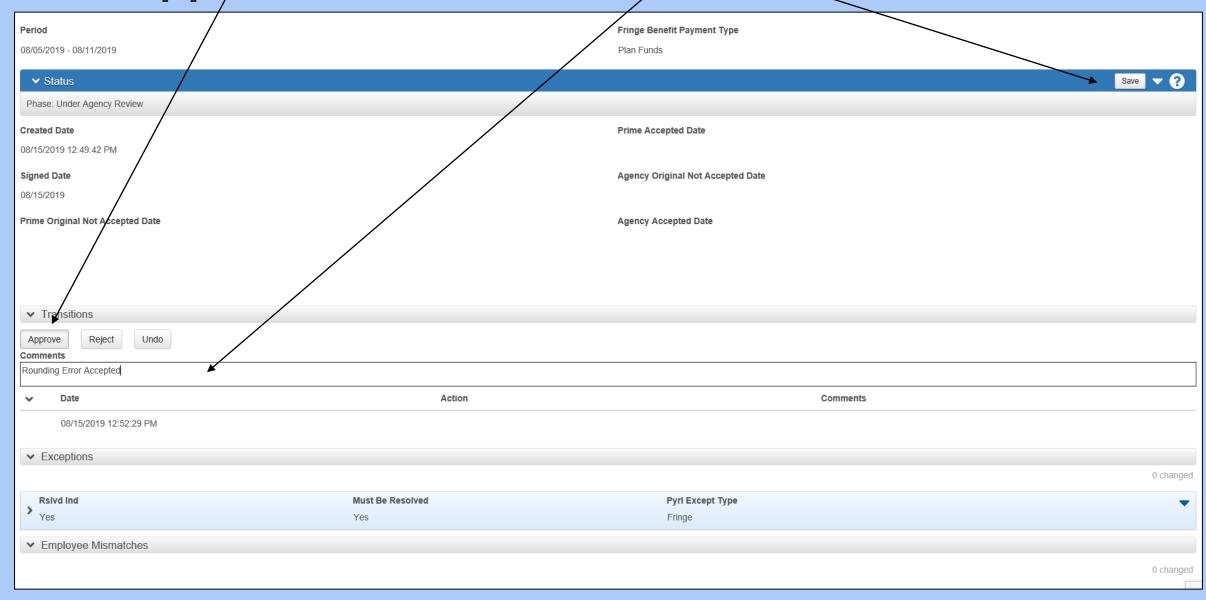
Open the Payroll Exception Description



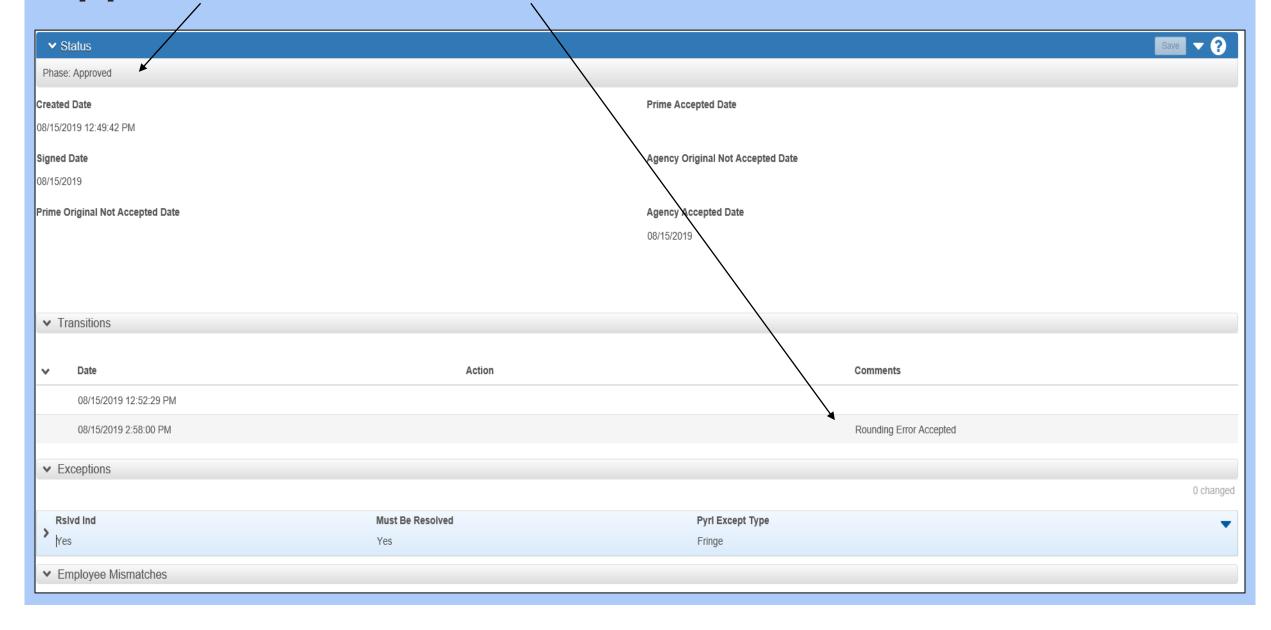
Once Saved the **Rslvd Ind** (Resolved Indicator) will change to **Yes**



Click Approve, Add Comments and Save



Approved with Comments



Payroll Exception Report

When a payroll in Under Agency Review status is rejected, the system automatically sets its status to Agency Rejected and sets the payroll's Agency Original Not Accepted Date field to the current date.

If a payroll is rejected it is important the reviewer check the **Vendor Notified** box before saving. This allows the contractor to generate the **Payroll Exception Report**.



Montana Department of Transportation

Date:

Payroll Exception Report

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Contract ID: 12218 MELROSE - DIVERSION STRUCTURE

Prime Vendor: 2448 JORDAN CONTRACTING, INC.

State Project Number:

Payroll Vendor: 0711 JLC, INC.

Payroll Number: 14 Modification Number: 1

Payroll Begin Date: 01/13/2019 Payroll End Date: 01/19/2019

Exception ID	Payroll Exception Description	Exception Resolved By	Resolution Date	Comments
524	Vendor ID '0711', Contract ID '12218', Payroll Number '14', Modification Number '1', Payroll Employee 'Tanner Cooney': Straight Time Hours value (0.00) is less than the Calc Total Straight Time Hours value (3.50) for Payroll Employee Tanner Cooney.			
525	Vendor ID '0711', Contract ID '12218', Payroll Number '14', Modification Number '1', Payroll Employee 'Christopher J. Pesanti': Straight Time Hours value (0.00) is less than the Calc Total Straight Time Hours value (3.50) for Payroll Employee Christopher J. Pesanti		Example of Exception	,

The **Payroll Exceptions** report lists any exceptions on a contractor's certified payroll that are marked by the agency as Vendor Notified. The report runs against only the latest modification for the selected payroll.

NOTIFICATIONS/ EMAILS



The contract's EPM will receive an email each Monday if there are Pending Payrolls that need an action (Approve or Reject) by the Field.

This will need to be forwarded to the FOP. Another trigger will happen if the payrolls reach 30 days without an action. The Labor Compliance person is included on these emails.

Payrolls need to be reviewed weekly and must be resolved in a timely manner as not to affect the Contract's Payment Estimate.

From: mdt-aashtowareproject@mt.gov <mdt-aashtowareproject@mt.gov>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 8:50 AM

To: Cole, Chris <ccole@mt.gov>; Fetters, Drew <nfetters@mt.gov>

Subject: Unapproved Payrolls [PROD]

Contract <u>04419</u> payroll number 2 last updated 12-JUL-19 for POTEET CONSTRUCTION, INC. is unapproved.

The below email notification will go to the person(s) listed as FOP for a contract when the system moves a Payroll to **Under Agency Review**.

Certified Payroll Under Agency Review - Contract 01919 LOHMAN - E & W - SCHELLINGER CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.



Payroll Under Agency Review Payroll - 10 Mod - 0 Beg Dt - 01/05/2020 End Dt - 01/11/2020

The Contractor receives an email when you **Reject** a payroll.

This allows them to know what's happening with the payrolls they have submitted to MDT and to react in a timely manner to payrolls needing correction(s).



Ensure your comments are clear as to what the Exceptions are when you click Reject.

LABOR COMPLIANCE SPOT CHECKS

Verify the Labor Compliance Spot Checks against the payroll. Inspectors also can verify the Spot Checks. Payrolls have been added to the Inspector Role in a "Read only" mode. They cannot approve or reject payrolls.

You can look at an Approved Payroll to verify the information reported is correct or you can generate a Payroll Summary Report and review it.

Save the Spot Check to your project folder as always.

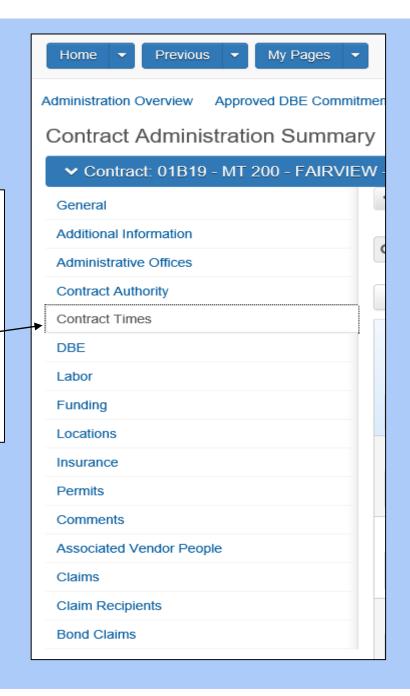
Remember these must be done for <u>every</u> **contractor** and **sub contractor** on the project <u>every</u> month.

Labor Compliance Spot Checks

Setting up the Labor Compliance Spot Check Schedule

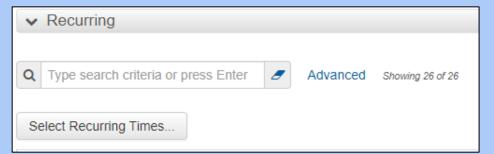
Once the **Work Begin Date** is populated by the first DWR work item being recorded, the **Recurring Time** for the **LABORCOMPL** - **Labor Compliance Spot Check** is generated.

You'll find this under the **Contract Administration Summary** then **Contract Times**.



To Generate a Recurring Event Schedule

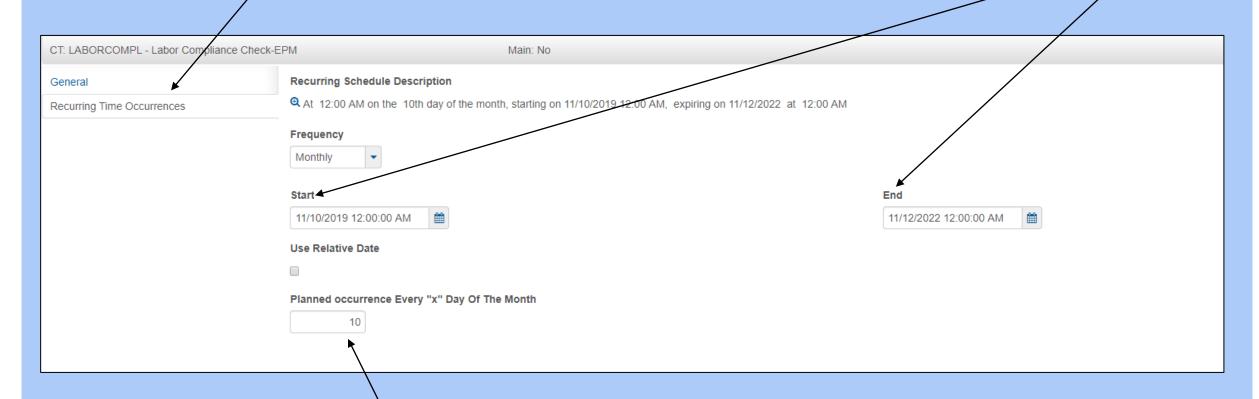
Once you open **Contract Times**, scroll down to **Recurring**. In the search box enter **Labor** or scroll to **LABORCOML** and click to Open.





On the General tab, change the Status to ACTIVE, add the Contractors name to Time Description and SAVE. Contract Time Summary - Recurring ▼ Contract: 13A19 - SIDEWALKS - TWIN BRIDGES CT: LABORCOMPL - Labor Compliance Check-WHITE RESOURCES GROUP ain: No Time ID **Main Contract Time** General LABORCOMPL No Recurring Time Occurrences Time Description * Delete Allowed Labor Compliance Check-WHITE RESOURCES GROUP Required For Time Type Active Contract
 Close Contract
 Neither Recurring Chargeable **Contract Status Type** No Active - Active Construction -**Effective Date Recurring Schedule Description** 10/29/2019 at 12:00 AM on the 10th day of the month, starting on 11/10/2019 12:00 AM, expiring on 11/12/2022 at 12:00 AM **Expiration Date** Comments Add additional recurring events for each subcontractor Status ACTIVE - Active ▼ Record Source Construction Active Yes Default Yes Claim Number

Under the Recurring Time Occurrences, enter the date the work is estimated to Start and End.

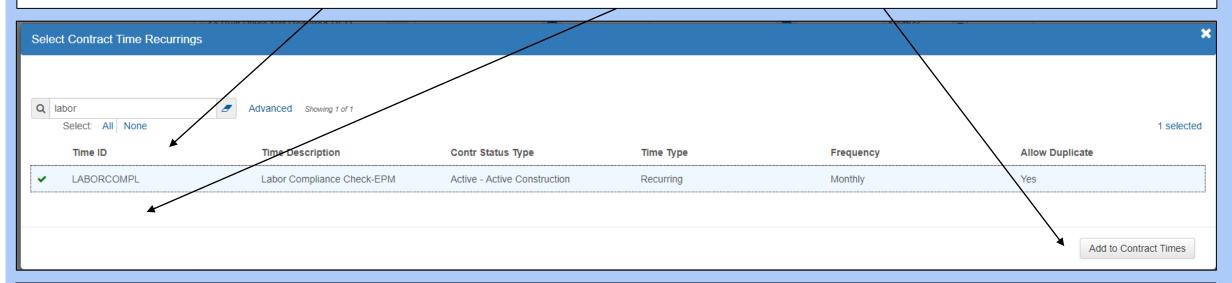


Enter "10" in the **Planned occurrence Every "x" Day of the Month** and save. This generates the schedule. Do this for each contractor on the project and any other item that needs a schedule like Bulletin Board checks.

To Add an additional event for each Subcontractor follow these steps.



In the Search box enter labor then select LABORCOMPL and click on Add to Contract Times.



Repeat the steps in slides 42 & 43 to complete the schedule set up. Subcontractors can be customized to the Contractors work schedule.

Turning off Recurring Events

1. In the Actual Occurrence Date, enter the date you are suspending time (usually today's date).

2. Save

3. Refresh the screen (F5)

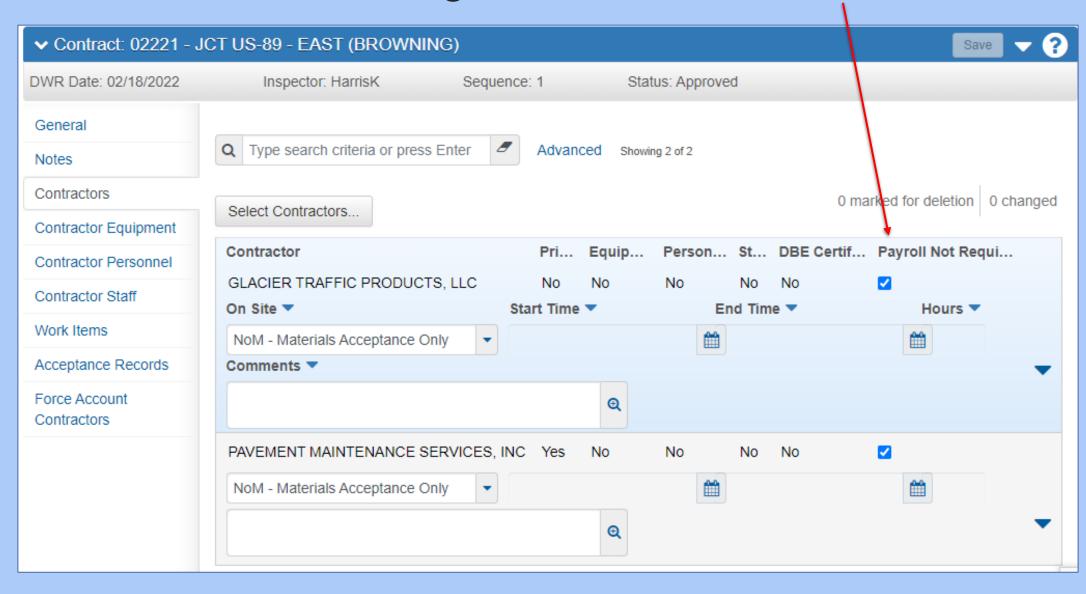
Steps 2 and 3 must be done so that the trigger that pushes the recurring dates forward will work)

4. Enter the Projected Completion date that you think you will start working.

5. Save.

Daily Work Reports (DWR)

DWR Change in AASHTOWare 4.6



When To Use

 Automobilization – This will automatically be checked when the DWR is generated.

 Materials Acceptance Record/Quantity Only. No contractor on site.

 If there is a DWR where the Owner of the company is on site and no other work.

∘ When in doubt, ask ©

ON-THE-JOB TRAINING (OJT) COMPLIANCE

OJT Compliance

The Project is awarded with Training Special Provision



Contractor submits program to EPM. EPM reviews and sends to CAS for approval



Contractor
hires employee
and submits
the name to
CAS for
approval



Employee starts work



Contractor
submits
Monthly 7A
Training reports
to EPM by the
10th of each
month

EPM/FOP verifies
the report against
payrolls. Ensure
the OJT check box
and % are filled in
on the payrolls. If
they match
payment is made
on the Estimate



If the report doesn't match, contact contractor for corrections on the payrolls or report



Ensure the pdf is signed by the person that reviewed it whether the EPM or FOP



Submit the hours for payment on the monthly Progress Estimate

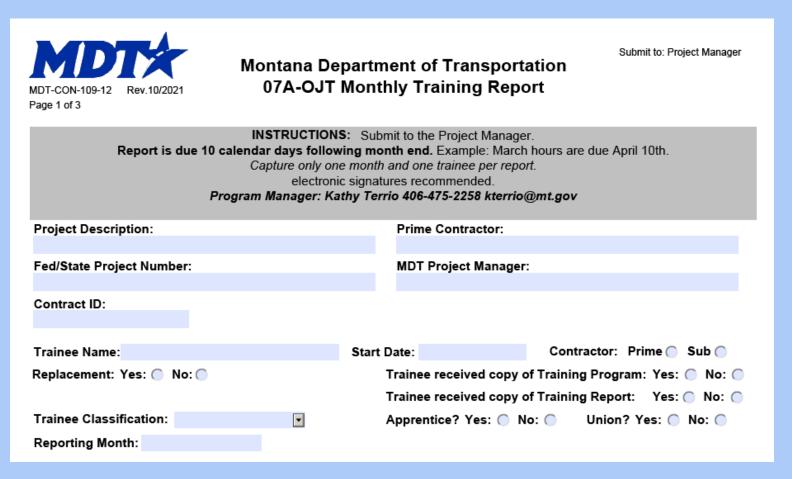


CAS reviews the bid item quantity against the 7A report and approves for payment

07A – OJT Monthly Training Report

The Report is available on MDT's External Forms page for contractors to complete by the 10th of the month.

https://www.mdt.mt.go v/other/webdata/exter nal/const/forms/MDT-CON-109-12-OJT-TRAINING-REPORT.pdf



Progress Estimates and OJT

7A Monthly Reports

Safety	Productivity	Quality	Understanding	Attitude	Attendance	Total Hours This Month	Total Hours To Date
S	S	S	S	S	S	159.5	203.5

159.5

183.0

342.5

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Safety	Productivity	Quality	Understanding	Attitude	Attendance	Total Hours This Month	Total Hours To Date
S	S	S	S	S	S	183	273.5

Monthly Estimate

*If I I N or E places evaluing

Project - Descr Ln Num Category - Descr Proj Ln Num 5793017000 - HARDIN - SOUTH 0002 - ROAD - CROW INDIAN RE 0010 0510 Ref Item ID Pay Amt This Pay Est Description **Supplemental Description** TRAINING PROGRAM 103000000 8.562.50 Posted Quantity This Pay Estimate **Posted Amount This Payment Estimate** 342.500 8.562.50 Pay Quantity This Payment Estimate Pay Amount This Payment Estimate 342.500 8,562.50

OVERDUE PAYROLL ESTIMATE EXCEPTION

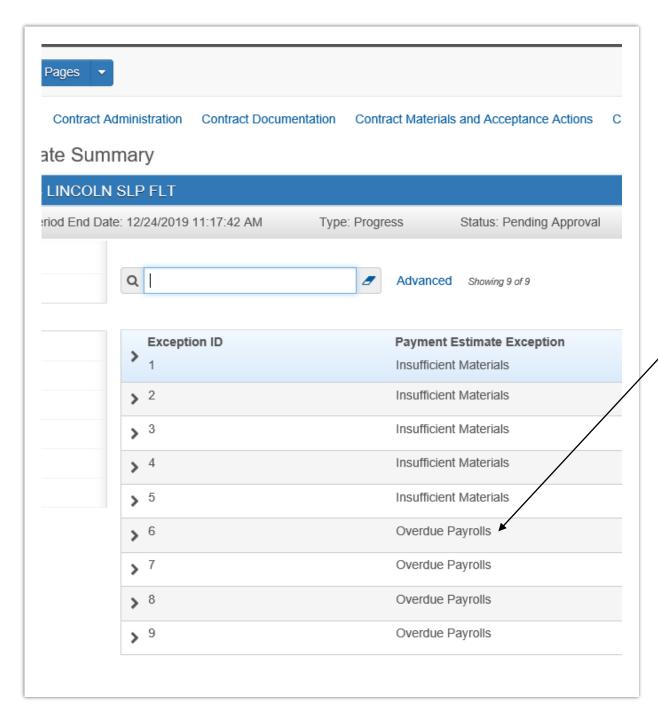
Overdue Payroll Estimate Exception

The system starts with the End Date of the Payment Estimate (25th) and calculates the **Overdue Payrolls Lag Date** by subtracting the number of lag days listed in the agency option. MDT has set the lag days to 14 days.

The Estimate exceptions are set to **Must Acknowledge** (Progress Estimates only) or **Overridden** (Final Estimates only) depending on the type of Estimate. Meaning the EPM or the FOP must acknowledge or override the exception. If it is Acknowledged as a missing payroll, contact the contractor and document in the comments field.

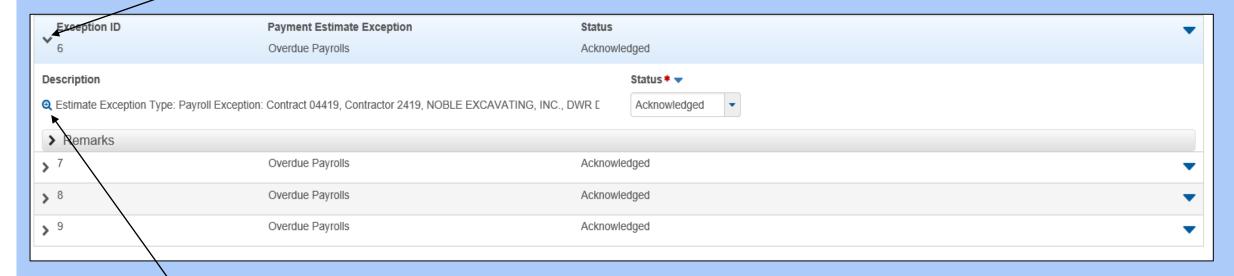
These payroll(s) must be received by the next estimate. If it is due to an Automob or Quantity only DWR, this must be noted in the comments field for each date and contract listed.

When the Overdue Payroll Estimate Exception is Acknowledged, an email is sent to the Labor Compliance Program. If this happens for the same Contractor on the next estimate, then the discussion will be held about withholding from the Prime Contractor for the work. While MDT is understanding that things come up, Contractors must meet the requirement for timely payrolls. Once a payroll is received the Exception should not generate on the next Estimate.



Payment Estimate Exception -Overdue Payrolls

Click on the Arrow to open the Exception and view the Description



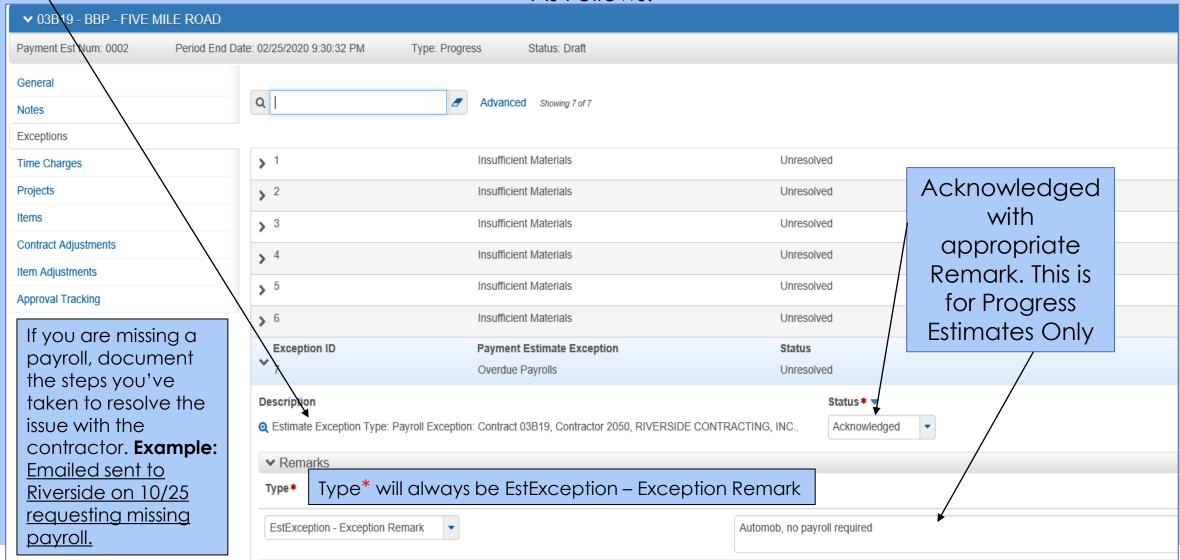
Click on the plus sign to view the entire Overdue Payrolls Estimate Exception Description

Description

Estimate Exception Type: Payroll Exception: Contract 04419, Contractor 2419, NOBLE EXCAVATING, INC., DWR Dates 8/21/2019,8/26/2019,10/24/2019,9/25/2019,10/22/2019,10/22/2019,10/24/2019.

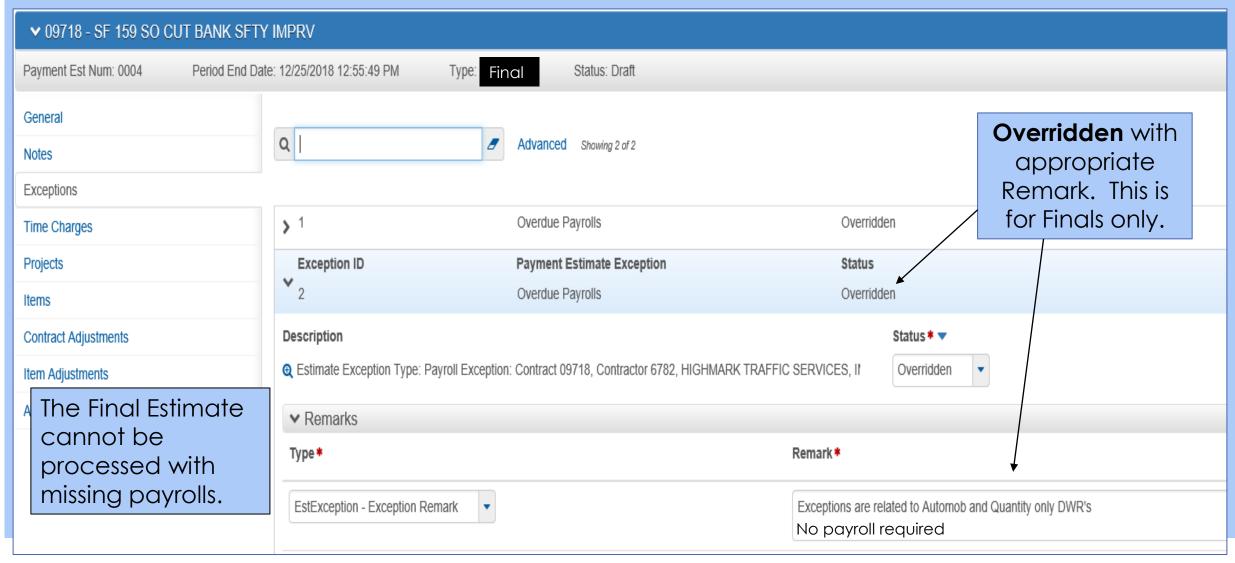
Overdue Payroll Estimate Exceptions - Progress

Research The Estimate Exception Dates By Reviewing The DWR's For The Dates Listed In The Description Box To Ensure You Aren't Missing A Payroll. If You Aren't Missing Payrolls, Then Complete The Exception As Follows:

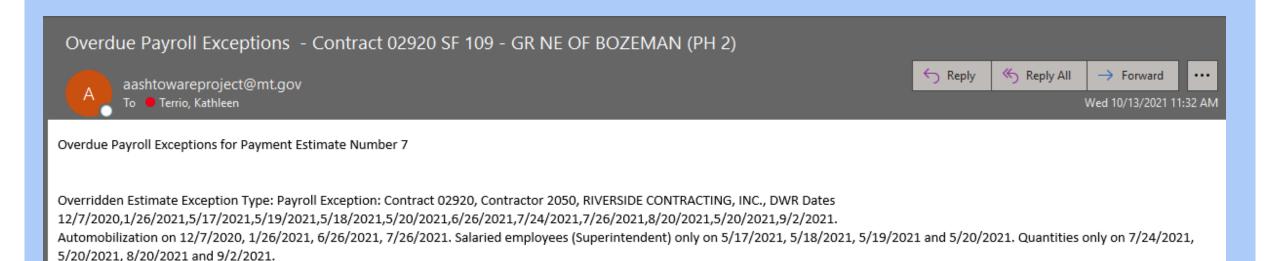


Overdue Payroll Estimate Exceptions - Final

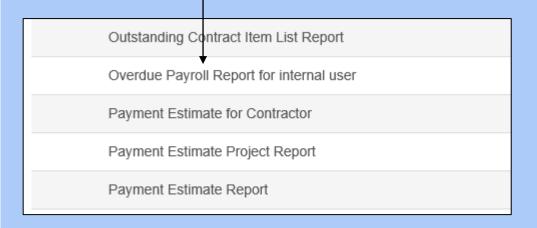
Again, Research The Estimate Exception Dates By Reviewing The DWR's For The Dates Listed In The Description Box To Ensure You Aren't Missing A Payroll. If You Aren't Missing Payrolls, Then Complete The Exception As Follows:



If you Approve an Estimate with Overdue Payroll Estimate Exceptions, an email is received by CAS to verify the exceptions are handled correctly with complete and accurate remarks.



Overdue Payroll Report for internal user – Global Report



This report can be run at anytime to determine the state of payrolls for a particular contract.

Once you click on the report then enter contract number in the search box, it will pull up the

contract.



Click on the contract, then the right arrow will take you to the Period End Date screen. This date is always the 25th of whatever month you are looking at. If your Estimate period is May 2020, then put in May 25, 2020 using the calendar icon. Then click Execute

This will pull up a report showing all contractors that worked and do not have an approved payroll for that period.

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Overdue Payroll Report for period end 5/25/2020

		Contract: 01B19, MT 200 - FAIRVIEW	
Exception	DWR Date	Vendor	Is Prime
?	4/21/20	6797, KNIFE RIVER CORPORATION-NORTH CENTRAL	✓ Prime
Count	Hours	Personnel	
1		Laborers	
Exception	DWR Date	Vendor	Is Prime
<pre> ②</pre>	4/21/20	6797, KNIFE RIVER CORPORATION-NORTH CENTRAL	✓ Prime
Count	Hours	Personnel	
1		Power Equipment Operators	
Exception	DWR Date	Vendor	Is Prime
⑦ 	4/22/20	6797, KNIFE RIVER CORPORATION-NORTH CENTRAL	✓ Prime
Count	Hours	Personnel	
2	2	Power Equipment Operators	
Exception	DWR Date	Vendor	Is Prime
?	4/24/20	6797, KNIFE RIVER CORPORATION-NORTH CENTRAL	✓ Prime
Exception	DWR Date	Vendor	Is Prime
?	5/7/20	6013, INDUSTRIAL BUILDERS INC	Prime
Count	Hours	Personnel	
1		Laborers	
Exception	DWR Date	Vendor	Is Prime
?	5/7/20	6013, INDUSTRIAL BUILDERS INC	Prime
Count	Hours	Personnel	
2		Power Equipment Operators	
Exception	DWR Date	Vendor	Is Prime
?	5/4/20	7154, PRECISION HIGHWAY CONTRACTORS, INC.	Prime
Count	Hours	Personnel	
2		Laborers	
	Hours	Personnel	

This shows both the Prime and all Subcontractors that have worked on a contract but do not have Approved payrolls for the DWR dates.

You can click on the DWR date to view.

Use this report prior to the Estimate to determine Contractors Payroll Compliance.

FINAL PAYROLL REVIEW

Final Payroll Review – Labor Cert

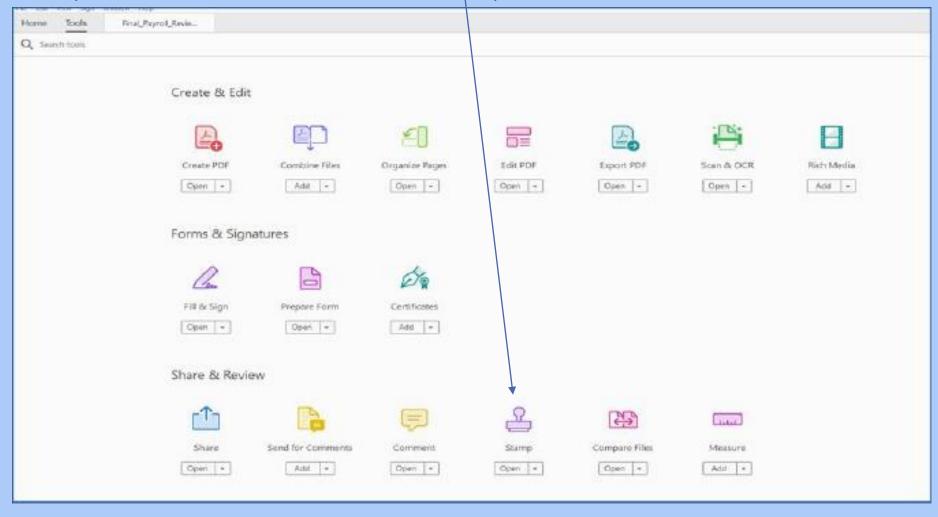
The Final Payroll Review is completed when the project reaches Conditional Final Acceptance. Run the Overdue Payroll Report for the project. Use the 25th of the month.

MDTA	03/17/2023 09					
Montana Department of Transportation	AASHTOWare Project™ Version 4.6.8 Revision					
Overdue Payroll Report for period end 3/25/2023						
No overdue payroll found for contract 02722, MT-135 SLOPE STABILITY						
For vendors listed with zero (0) payrolls, add justification as to why.						
Vendor	Total Number of Approved Payrolls	Is Prime				
THOMPSON CONTRACTING, INC.	10	✓ PRIME				
BRECKENRIDGE SURVEYING & MAPPING	0	PRIME				
GEOSTABILIZATION INTERNATIONAL, LLC - GRAND JUNCTION	6	PRIME				
MOUNTAIN WEST HOLDING COMPANY	11	PRIME				

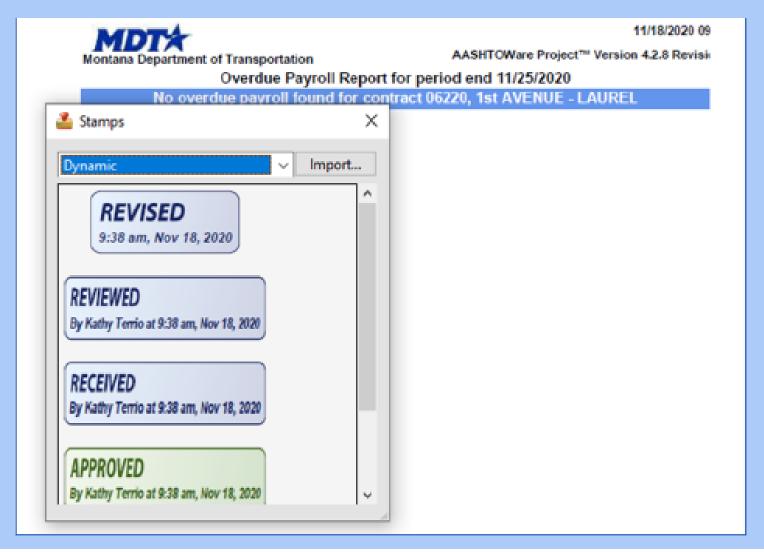
If the report has exceptions or there are Vendors listed with zero (0) payrolls, determine if payrolls are missing or if there are errors. Add your comments for these items then follow the process to add a **Reviewed By** stamp. Save a copy of the Report in the Contract folder 06_FINAL_FORMS\FINAL_FORMS\FIELD on your share drive with the date and name it like this: 02722 Final Payroll Review-031723

If you have not created a Dynamic Stamp in Adobe, you will need to do this. The Reviewed Dynamic Stamp will be what you place in the document to show you have reviewed the report.

Open the Final Payroll Review document you saved in your contract folder. Click on the Tools tab on the top left and scroll down, click on Stamp.



Then click on Stamp in the tool bar. From the drop down, select Dynamic, then select **Reviewed**. This will open a box so that you can fill in your information. Once you create the **Reviewed** Dynamic Stamp it will be available in Stamps Palette for you to use



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Overdue Payroll Report for period end 3/25/2023

No overdue payroll found for contract 02722, MT-135 SLOPE STABILITY

For vendors listed with zero (0) payrolls, add justification as to why.

Vendor	Total Number of Approved Payrolls	Is Prime
THOMPSON CONTRACTING, INC.	10	☑ PRIME
BRECKENRIDGE SURVEYING & MAPPING	0	PRIME
GEOSTABILIZATION INTERNATIONAL, LLC - GRAND JUNCTION	6	PRIME
MOUNTAIN WEST HOLDING COMPANY	11	PRIME

Breckenridge Surveying & Mapping performed surveying and is exempt.

REVIEWED

By Kathy Terrio at 10:30 am, Mar 17, 2023

The EPM/FOP adds this verbiage

Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) Engineering Project
Manager John Benda indicated all payrolls have been forwarded to MDT/
CAS.

MDT/CAS hereby certifies all payrolls have been received and are correct and accurate. The Department is required to maintain certified payrolls for three years after final voucher.

Cc: AASHTOWare

SiteManager Project File - Missoula

CAS adds this verbiage

APPROVED

By Kathy Terrio at 10:31 am, Mar 17, 2023

After you have added your Reviewed By stamp and save to the project folder, I add the verbiage and my Approved by stamp, fill in the Contract Recurring time and attach the document to the record. You will receive a system email when this process is complete.

FORCE ACCOUNT

Because only wages paid on a certified payroll are eligible for reimbursement on a Force Account or Agreed Price item, the Contractor will need to submit a certified payroll for those items.

"Submit evidence of the actual wage rates paid. Only labor on certified payrolls is eligible. The rate paid will be that which is listed on the certified payroll."

One thing to note is agreeing to the wage for the salaried individual before the Force Account work is done benefits MDT and we are not paying a salaried individual his hourly salaried rate plus the 80% surcharge and not the Davis Bacon classification rate for the work done.

Force Account

* There is a coming change to Force Account



When in doubt....

Call me!

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