The following constitutes an official action of the National Maintenance Agreements Policy Committee, Inc.:

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Bulletin No. XV – 8 * National Maintenance Agreement

Subject: Article XV – Work Hours Per Day

**Establishment of Work Break Requirements**

The Committee has been requested by Owners, Employers and building trades councils to review situations where it is necessary to utilize employees from previous shifts in order to complete a maintenance task within a twenty-four (24) hour time period.

In such situations, the employee is required to complete the normal work shift, and then continue with the task at hand on an overtime basis.

**Conclusion**

When an employee works through two (2) consecutive shifts he/she shall be paid the appropriate overtime rate for the hours he/she works until he/she receives a shift break of a minimum of seven (7) hours prior to commencing work on the employee's normally established shift.

If an employee cannot receive a seven (7) hour work break prior to reporting for the normal established shift, then the Employer may instruct the employee to report to work at a time that satisfies the seven (7) hour work break requirement. In these instances, the employee would not be penalized for lost wages due to working an abbreviated shift.

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