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# SCWCC LAPSE IN INSURANCE NOTIFCATION USER GUIDE

The SCWCC Verification of Coverage web portal has been expanded to allow users the ability to register for notification of policies that are canceled mid-term.

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# SCWCC Coverage Lookup and Lapse in Insurance Notification

#### Introduction

The South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission is proud to offer the ability to register and receive notification of policies that have been canceled mid-term based on a search of the NCCI database via the SCWCC Verification of Coverage link on the <a href="www.wcc.sc.gov">www.wcc.sc.gov</a> website. This service has been developed in cooperation with Frank B. Norris and Company and the South Carolina Home Builders Association (SCHBA).

Problem as stated by SCHBA: Title 42 of the South Carolina Code of Laws holds General Contractors (GC's) and Residential Home Builders responsible for occupational injuries or death sustained by un-insured subcontractors and their employees while performing work on behalf of the building contractor. Many contractors require their subcontractors to procure a policy of Workers' Compensation coverage to protect both the contractor and the subcontractor's employees. An active contractor may employ the services of many subcontractors which imposes a significant burden upon the contractors to ensure that each Certificate of Insurance provided is current, correct and valid. A system that electronically generates a notice of cancellation of a subcontractor's coverage and transmit that data to all Certificate holders will greatly reduce the burden upon contractors, improve the likelihood that all parties comply with the workers' compensation laws and reduce incidents of fraud.

**Interested Parties:** Parties interested in the solution proposed by the SC Home Builder's Association are residential and commercial general contractors, subcontractors, and their employees; Workers' Compensation insurance providers; property & casualty insurance agents; landscapers, other industries that use subcontractors; the South Carolina Uninsured Employer Fund; agencies responsible for enforcement of insurance fraud laws; and the citizens of South Carolina whose tax dollars support law enforcement efforts, and who pay higher premiums when costs of fraud are passed through to consumers.

Disclaimer: Pursuant to SC Code of Laws 42-1-400; 42-1-410, a general contractor is considered liable for Workers' Compensation injuries/costs incurred by an uninsured subcontractor.

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## **Registration for Mid-Term Cancellation Notification**

To register an email address to receive notices of mid-term cancellations of workers' compensation insurance policies follow the steps provided below.

1. From the SCWCC website (<u>www.wcc.sc.gov</u>), select the **Verification of Coverage** link from the top of the home page.



When the next screen appears as shown below, CLICK the **Verify Coverage** link.



2. Read the Notice and Disclaimer and then CHECK the box indicating "I'm not a robot," then CLICK Accept.

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#### Workers Compensation Coverage Verification

#### Notice and Disclaimer

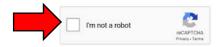
#### Purpose - No Scripting or Automatic Retrieval

The purpose of this website and Workers Compensation Coverage Verification is to assist you in determining whether an employer has workers compensation insurance in the state. Workers Compensation Coverage Verification will provide the name of the insurer that wrote a workers compensation policy for a specific employer on a specific date. Please note that Workers Compensation Coverage Verification is being provided to you for your personal, non-commercial use only, solely to verify an employer's workers compensation insurance coverage. Workers Compensation Coverage Verification may not be used in any other manner or for any other purpose, except as identified herein. Scripted queries and automatic retrieval (s) is/are expressly prohibited.

#### Limitation of Available Information

If an employer query does not produce any result(s) this may not mean that the employer does not have insurance or is operating in violation of state law. Coverage information may not be available or complete for all employers due to limitations with the policy information. Employer queries should be specific. Open ended queries may not return any results. In the event of excessive queries, you may be prohibited from accessing the information provided under Workers Compensation Coverage Verification. You may not disable or otherwise work around any restrictions and limitations that may be a part of Workers Compensation Coverage Verification, such as reCAPTCHA. Any attempt to do so is prohibited and will result in you being unable to access Workers Compensation Coverage Verification. Scripted queries and automatic retrieval(s) is/are expressly prohibited. By clicking "Accept", below, you affirm that you have read and understand the notices and disclaimers on this page.

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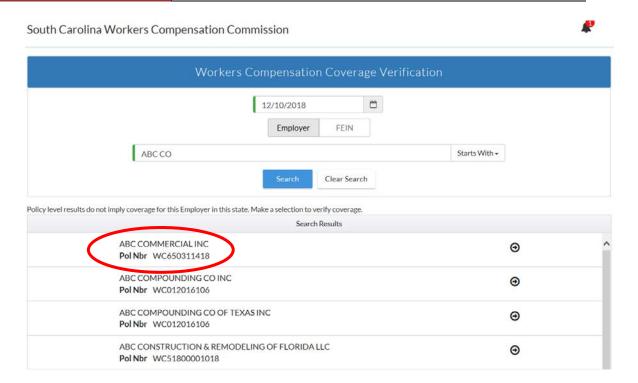
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3. Enter your search criteria for the Employer in question. a) The Date entered should be the Date of Injury or can the current day's date; b)You can search by Employer name or Employer FEIN; c) If searching by Employer name, select either Employer name "Contains" or Employer name "Starts With." Click SEARCH. Search results will display on next screen.

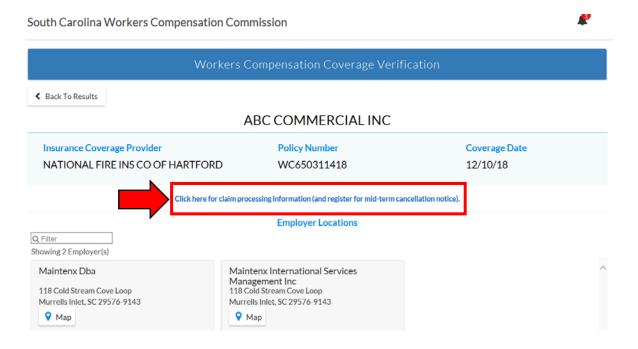
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12/10/2018	Employer	FEIN	
ABC COMPANY	Contains		
Search	Clear Search	Clear Search	Starts With
Limitation of Information contained in/provided from this database is a representative reflection of selected information maintained by the SC Workers' Compensation Commission and used for specific workers' compensation coverage verification. There may be discrepancies in information provided due to causes outside the control of the SC Workers' Compensation Commission, such as reporting/recording delays and inaccuracies. For information on employers covered by the State Accident Fund please email the Coverage Division.			

4. When the search results appear, CLICK on the desired EMPLOYER and POLICY NUMBER for policy details.



5. CLICK on the link located below the policy information for claims processing information.



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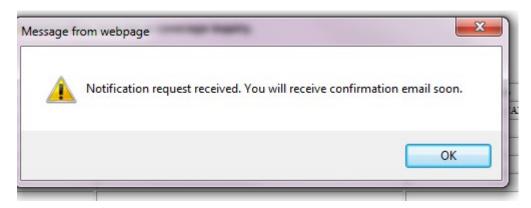
6. The following is the screen you should receive. Make sure the box is CHECKED to be notified of mid-term cancellations for this policy; then enter your email address; and then CLICK submit.



Below is the result of your South Carolina Workers' Compensation insurance coverage inquiry.



7. A confirmation message will appear when your entry is accepted.



8. You will receive an email as confirmation of the registration.

If you do not receive a confirmation within a few minutes check your junk and or spam email box. If the email is found there, you follow your service provider's directions for saving the email as a trusted sender.

If you don't receive an email, you may have entered an incorrect email address. Please try again or contact <a href="mailto:coverage@wcc.sc.gov">coverage@wcc.sc.gov</a>.

The text of the email is show below:

Subject: SCWCC Notification of Midterm Cancellation of coverage Registration

You have registered this email address to receive notification of midterm cancellation for:

Policy: WC123456789

**Effective Date: 01/01/2012** 

**Carrier: XXX Insurance Carrier** 

Policy issued to: XXX Employer

If you have received this email in error, please contact SC workers' Compensation Commission Coverage Division at coverage@wcc.sc.gov

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#### Notification of Mid-Term Cancellation

SCWCC recieves insurance policy updates from NCCI daily. The data received is matched against the registration list. An automated email will be sent to the registered email address if a midterm cancellation is received. Once the notification email is sent to the requestor, the registration for notification is deactivated. If you wish to follow the new policy, it will be necessary to register the new policy.

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The text of the notification email is below:

This is a notification from the SC Workers' Compensation Commission that the following policy may have been cancelled by the policy holder prior to the policy's end date. You are receiving this notification because you asked to be notified in the event of an apparent lapse in coverage for the Workers' Compensation insurance policy listed below.

Policy Issued to: XXX Employer

Policy: WC123456789

Effective Date: 99/99/9999 Cancellation Date: 99/99/9999

**Carrier: XXX Insurance Company** 

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## **Report Function**

There is a report function that allows a user to enter their email address that was used to register for notification of mid-term cancellations and pull back a list of what policies they registered for and the status. The link can be found on the <a href="https://www.wcc.sc.gov/insurance/Pages/VerifyCoverage.aspx">www.wcc.sc.gov/insurance/Pages/VerifyCoverage.aspx</a>

Or a user can bookmark the direct link to the report function <a href="http://wccprogress.sc.gov/wccprod.wsc/VerCovUserReport.html">http://wccprogress.sc.gov/wccprod.wsc/VerCovUserReport.html</a>
Enter your email address and click submit



The report results will be presented to the user.



# FAQ's

#### What happens if I change my email address?

The notification of mid-term cancellation will be sent to the email address you registered. If your email address changes it will be necessary to re-register with the new email address.

What happens to my registration for a policy if there is a mid-term cancellation?

Once you receive an email notifying you that the policy you were tracking has been canceled mid-term, the registration for notification for that policy expires. If you wish to track the new policy you will need register for the new policy.

#### I am having a problem registering?

Please direct any questions or problems to the SCWCC Compliance Division, 803.737.6203 or coverage@wcc.sc.gov.

When I search for a policy and click the link to get the claims processing information, there is no box to enter my email address, why?

SCWCC does not have that policy in the current database. Please contact SCWCC Compliance Division, 803.737.6203 or <a href="mailto:coverage@wcc.sc.gov">coverage@wcc.sc.gov</a>

I think a policy has been canceled but I didn't receive an email?

Several reasons can cause this to happen

- 1. Your email that you registered with was incorrect.
- 2. You never registered for tracking that policy.
- 3. NCCI's POC transaction was not processed by SCWCC

If any of these problems occur, please contact SCWCC Compliance Division, 803.737.6203 or <a href="mailto:coverage@wcc.sc.gov">coverage@wcc.sc.gov</a>.

Is the SCWCC certain that the information provided through the notification system is correct?

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#### How to prevent notification emails from going to my junk folder?

We recommend you add <a href="mailto:coverage@wcc.sc.gov">coverage@wcc.sc.gov</a> as a safe sender or set up a rule in your email to deliver the messages to your inbox.

#### How can I get a report of what policies I have registered for?

From the <a href="http://www.wcc.sc.gov/insurance/Pages/VerifyCoverage.aspx">http://www.wcc.sc.gov/insurance/Pages/VerifyCoverage.aspx</a> and click the link for the report click here for a report of the policies you have registered for notification of mid-term cancellation.

Or

Book mark this link

http://wccprogress.sc.gov/wccprod.wsc/VerCovUserReport.html