

5510.5180 PROCESSING OF GRIEVANCES.

Subpart 1. **Release time.** To the fullest extent feasible, the processing of grievances under parts 5510.5110 to 5510.5190 shall be conducted during the normal business hours of the employer. Employees designated by the exclusive representative shall be released from work without loss of regular nonovertime earnings as a result of their necessary participation in meetings or hearings held pursuant to parts 5510.5110 to 5510.5190, whenever such release is consistent with the ability of the employer to conduct safe and reasonable operations. No more than three employees shall be entitled to compensation for participation in a single meeting or hearing with respect to any one grievance.

Subp. 2. **Waiver of steps.** The parties may by written mutual agreement waive participation in the grievance steps in parts 5510.5140 to 5510.5160 and may similarly agree to extend the time limits established by parts 5510.5140 to 5510.5170.

Subp. 3. **Time limits.** A failure to raise a grievance within the time limits specified in part 5510.5140, or to initiate action at the next step of the procedure in parts 5510.5140 to 5510.5170 within the time limits in these parts shall result in forfeiture by the exclusive representative of the right to pursue the grievance. A failure of an employer representative to comply with the time periods and procedures in parts 5510.5140 to 5510.5170 shall require mandatory alleviation of the grievance as requested in the last statement by the exclusive representative.

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