

comment on the technical issues raised during the meeting. Those wishing to speak are encouraged to sign the Public Comment Register at the check-in table. A time limit may have to be set on the length of individual remarks; however, written comments of any length may be submitted for the record.

Transcripts of this meeting will be available via e-mail, on computer disk, or on a library-loan basis in paper format from Davonya Barnes, Board staff, beginning February 18, 1998. For further information, contact Frank Randall, External Affairs, 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 1300, Arlington, Virginia 22201-3367; (Tel) 703-235-4473; (Fax) 703-235-4495; (E-mail) info@nwtrb.gov.

The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board was created by Congress in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987 to evaluate the technical and scientific validity of activities undertaken by the DOE in its program to manage the disposal of the nation's commercial spent nuclear fuel and defense high-level waste. In the same legislation, Congress directed the DOE to characterize a site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, for its suitability as a potential location for a permanent repository for the disposal of that waste.

Dated: December 19, 1997.

**William Barnard,**

*Executive Director, Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board.*

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## PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

### Proposed Submission of Information Collection for OMB Review; Comment Request; Notice of Termination for Multiemployer Plans

**AGENCY:** Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

**ACTION:** Notice of intention to request extension of OMB approval.

**SUMMARY:** The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation ("PBGC") intends to request that the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") extend approval, under the Paperwork Reduction Act, of a collection of information in its regulation on Notice of Termination for Multiemployer Plans (29 CFR Part 4041A Subpart B) (OMB control number 1212-0020; expires March 31, 1998). This notice informs the public of the PBGC's intent and solicits public comment on the collection of information.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted by February 23, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to the Office of the General Counsel, suite 340, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026, or delivered to that address between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on business days. Written comments will be available for public inspection at the PBGC's Communications and Public Affairs Department, suite 240 at the same address, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on business days.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deborah C. Murphy, Attorney, office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026, 202-326-4024. (For TTY and TDD, call 800-877-8339 and request connection to 202-326-4024).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 401A(f)(2) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA") gives the PBGC authority to prescribe reporting requirements for terminated multiemployer pension plans covered by Title IV of ERISA.

The PBGC's regulation on Notice of Termination for Multiemployer Plans (29 CFR Part 4041A Subpart B) requires the filing of a notice of termination with the PBGC by a multiemployer plan that has terminated either by plan amendment or by mass withdrawal. The notice must contain certain basic information such as the plan's identity, the date of termination, and the plan's most recent Form 5500. In addition, a plan that has terminated by mass withdrawal must supply certain financial information to enable the PBGC to assess the likelihood of benefit reductions or suspensions under the plan and the need for PBGC financial assistance to the plan. More information is required with respect to mass withdrawal terminations because the risk of plan insolvency is greater in these cases. (The regulation may be accessed on the PBGC's home page at <http://www.pbgc.gov>.)

The collection of information under the regulation has been approved by OMB under control number 1212-0020 through March 31, 1998. The PBGC intends to request that OMB extend its approval for another three years. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The PBGC estimates that the total annual hour burden of the regulation is one hour and that the total annual cost burden is \$34,125.

The PBGC is soliciting public comments to—

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 18th day of December, 1997.

**David M. Strauss,**

*Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.*

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## PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

### Proposed Submission of Information Collection for OMB Review; Comment Request; Extension of Special Withdrawal Liability Rules

**AGENCY:** Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

**ACTION:** Notice of intention to request extension of OMB approval.

**SUMMARY:** The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation ("PBGC") intends to request that the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") extend approval, under the Paperwork Reduction Act, of a collection of information in its regulation on Extension of Special Withdrawal Liability Rules (29 CFR Part 4203) (OMB control number 1212-0023; expires March 31, 1998). This notice informs the public of the PBGC's intent and solicits public comment on the collection of information.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted by February 23, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to the Office of the General Counsel, suite 340, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026, or delivered to that address between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on business days. Written