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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of October 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

E. William Brach,

Director, Spent Fuel Project Office, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Products and Results of Research at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Halden Reactor Project

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of seminar.

SUMMARY: The NRC has committed through its Strategic Plan to conduct confirmatory and anticipatory research on issues of potential regulatory and safety significance, engage in cooperative, international research agreements, and provide timely information to our stakeholders. As part of this commitment, a seminar has been planned to present on-going research being conducted at the OECD Halden Reactor Project in Norway. The goal of this seminar is to inform our stakeholders of current research activities and to solicit their perspectives and interest in the safety assessment of fuels, materials, and nuclear power plant control room design.

DATE: November 1-2, 1999—The seminar will begin at 12:30 p.m. on November 1st and end at 5 p.m. on November 2nd.

LOCATION: Doubletree Hotel, Twinbrook, Rockville, MD 20852.

CONTACT: Registration—Michael Scott, Phone: (301) 415-5698, e-mail: mas2@nrc.gov; General—Julius Persensky, Phone: (301) 415-6759, e-mail: jjp2@nrc.gov.

ATTENDANCE: This seminar is free and open to the general public. All individuals planning to attend should preregister with Mr. Michael Scott by telephone or e-mail and provide their name, affiliation, phone number, and e-mail address.

PROGRAM: This seminar describes past and current research results, as well as products and tools that may be useful in a wide range of applications. There will be four sessions covering the following topics.

- Fuels and Materials Research.
- Human Factors Engineering and Control Room Design.
- Virtual Reality Technology.
- Instrumentation and Control Systems and Tools.

Dated in Rockville, Maryland this 7th day of October 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Charles E. Rossi,

Director, Division of Systems Analysis and Regulatory Effectiveness.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Interest Assumption for Determining Variable-Rate Premium; Interest on Late Premium Payments; Interest on Underpayments and Overpayments of Single-Employer Plan Termination Liability and Multiemployer Withdrawal Liability; Interest Assumptions for Multiemployer Plan Valuations Following Mass Withdrawal

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of interest rates and assumptions.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public of the interest rates and assumptions to be used under certain Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation regulations. These rates and assumptions are published elsewhere (or are derivable from rates published elsewhere), but are collected and published in this notice for the convenience of the public. Interest rates are also published on the PBGC's web site (<http://www.pbgc.gov>).

DATES: The interest rate for determining the variable-rate premium under part 4006 applies to premium payment years beginning in October 1999. The interest assumptions for performing multiemployer plan valuations following mass withdrawal under part 4281 apply to valuation dates occurring in November 1999. The interest rates for late premium payments under part 4007 and for underpayments and overpayments of single-employer plan termination liability under part 4062 and multiemployer withdrawal liability under part 4219 apply to interest accruing during the fourth quarter (October through December) of 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Harold J. Ashner, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, 202-326-4024. (For TTY/TDD users, call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 202-326-4024.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Variable-Rate Premiums

Section 4006(a)(3)(E)(iii)(II) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and § 4006.4(b)(1) of the PBGC's regulation on Premium Rates (29 CFR part 4006) prescribe use of an assumed interest rate in determining a single-employer plan's variable-rate premium. The rate is the "applicable percentage" (currently 85 percent) of the annual yield on 30-year Treasury securities for the month preceding the beginning of the plan year for which premiums are being paid (the "premium payment year"). The yield figure is reported in Federal Reserve Statistical Releases G.13 and H.15.

The assumed interest rate to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning in October 1999 is 5.16 percent (*i.e.*, 85 percent of the 6.07 percent yield figure for September 1999).

The following table lists the assumed interest rates to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning between November 1998 and October 1999.

For premium payment years beginning in	The assumed interest rate is
November 1998	4.26
December 1998	4.46
January 1999	4.30
February 1999	4.39
March 1999	4.56
April 1999	4.74
May 1999	4.72
June 1999	4.94
July 1999	5.13
August 1999	5.08
September 1999	5.16
October 1999	5.16

Late Premium Payments; Underpayments and Overpayments of Single-Employer Plan Termination Liability

Section 4007(b) of ERISA and § 4007.7(a) of the PBGC's regulation on Payment of Premiums (29 CFR part 4007) require the payment of interest on late premium payments at the rate established under section 6601 of the Internal Revenue Code. Similarly, § 4062.7 of the PBGC's regulation on