

- Sample excavated material to be transported consistent with requirements of the NRC-approved disposal location.
- Transporting the material containing average contamination levels in excess of the unrestricted use criteria to a NRC-approved location.
- Conduct final surveys on excavated areas to demonstrate compliance with the unrestricted use limits.
- Survey the stockpiled clean overburden.
- Backfill excavated areas that meet the unrestricted use criteria with the clean overburden.

Need for Proposed Action

The proposed action is necessary to allow Molycorp to remove radioactive material attributable to licensed operations, to levels that permit unrestricted-use of that portion of the site.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

NRC staff reviewed the levels of contamination, the proposed remediation and decommissioning methods, and the radiological release criteria that will be used during the remediation. The radiological criteria are specified so that decommissioning activities will meet the 10 CFR Part 20 radiation protection requirements. Worker and public doses will be limited so that exposures will not exceed Part 20 requirements and are as low as is reasonably achievable.

Molycorp will perform remediation to achieve the unrestricted release criteria approved by the Commission in the SDMP Action Plan and will transport radioactive waste to a NRC-approved disposal facility.

The EA include: a description of the facility and its operating history; a description of the radiological status of the facility; an evaluation of the proposed methods for decontamination and dismantlement of structures, buildings, and equipment; an evaluation of the proposed methods for decontamination of outdoor areas; a review of the licensee's radiation protection program; and a summary of the radiological release criteria.

The EA assesses radiological impacts to: workers on planned decommissioning activities; members of the public from planned decommissioning activities; and workers and members of the public from transportation of low-level radioactive waste. The EA also includes a radiological accident analysis.

Non-radiological impacts addressed in the EA include: non-radiological

releases; economic impact; transportation; air quality; noise; environmental justice; and endangered species.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

The following alternatives, and the associated impacts and conclusions, are discussed in the EA:

- No action
- Proposed action
- On-site disposal at the Washington, Pennsylvania site
- On-site storage of the excavated soil at the Washington, Pennsylvania, site

Conclusions

Based on the NRC staff evaluation of the Part 1 DP for the Washington, Pennsylvania, facility, as documented in the EA, the staff has determined that the proposed decommissioning can be accomplished in compliance with NRC's public and occupational dose limits, effluent release limits, and residual radioactive material limits. In addition, the approval of the decommissioning plan will not result in a significant adverse impact on the public health and safety or the environment.

Agencies and Individuals Contacted

NRC staff consulted with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) in the preparation of this EA. PADEP provided comments on the draft EA in a letter dated July 14, 2000. NRC responded to these comments on July 27, 2000. The final EA reflects the staff's resolution as documented in its July 27, 2000, response. In addition, the Pennsylvania Bureau of Wildlife Management of the Pennsylvania Game Commission was consulted and noted that no endangered species have been documented as occurring on or near the site. Similarly, the National Register of Historic Places was consulted and indicated that no historic properties are listed for the Molycorp, Inc., Washington site. Also, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission indicated there are no archeological sites of significance in the facility area.

Finding of No Significant Impact

Based upon the analysis documented in the EA, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

Additional Information

The EA is available for review at NRC's Electronic Reading Room, on the NRC's Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/adams/index.html>. The accession [file] number for this document is ML003735909. The NRC Project Manager for this action is Mr. LeRoy Person. Mr. Person can be reached at (301) 415-6701.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of August 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Larry W. Camper,

Chief, Decommissioning Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Proposed Submission of Information Collection for OMB Review; Comment Request; Payment of Premiums

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 the collection of information under its regulation on Payment of Premiums (29 CFR part 4007), including Form 1-ES, Form 1, and Schedule A to Form 1, and related instructions (OMB control number 1212-0009; expires December 31, 2000). The collection of information also includes a certification (on Schedule A) of compliance with requirements to provide certain notices to participants under the PBGC's regulation on Disclosure to Participants (29 CFR part 4011). 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 October 10, 2000.

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.

Copies of the collection of information may be obtained without charge by writing to the PBGC's Communications and Public Affairs Department at the address given above or calling 202-326-4040. (For TTY and TDD, call 800-877-8339 and request connection to 202-326-4040). The premium payment regulation can be accessed on the PBGC's home page at <http://www.pbgc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Harold J. Ashner, Assistant General Counsel, or 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 4007 of Title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA") requires the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation ("PBGC") to collect premiums from pension plans covered under Title IV pension insurance programs. Pursuant to ERISA section 4007, the PBGC has issued its regulation on Payment of Premiums (29 CFR Part 4007). Section 4007.3 of the premium payment regulation requires plans, in connection with the payment of premiums, to file certain forms prescribed by the PBGC, and § 4007.10 requires plans to retain and make available to the PBGC records supporting or validating the computation of premiums paid.

The forms prescribed are PBGC Form 1-ES and Form 1 and (for single-employer plans only) Schedule A to Form 1. Form 1-ES is issued, with instructions, in the PBGC's Estimated Premium Payment Package. Form 1 and Schedule A are issued, with instructions, in the PBGC's Annual Premium Payment Package.

The premium forms are needed to determine the amount and record the payment of PBGC premiums, and the submission of forms and retention and submission of records are needed to enable the PBGC to perform premium audits. The plan administrator of each pension plan covered by Title IV of ERISA is required to file one or more of the premium payment forms each year. The PBGC uses the information on the premium payment forms to identify the plans paying premiums and to verify whether plans are paying the correct amounts. That information and the retained records are used for audit purposes.

In addition, section 4011 of ERISA and the PBGC's regulation on Disclosure to Participants (29 CFR part 4011) require plan administrators of certain underfunded single-employer pension plans to provide an annual notice to plan participants and beneficiaries of the plans' funding status and the limits on the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's guarantee of plan benefits. The participant notice requirement only applies (subject to certain exemptions) to plans that must pay a variable rate premium. In order to monitor compliance with part 4011, plan administrators must indicate on Schedule A to Form 1 that the participant notice requirements have been complied with.

The collection of information under the regulation on Payment of Premiums, including Form 1-ES, Form 1, and Schedule A to Form 1, and related instructions has been approved by OMB under control number 1212-0009 through December 31, 2000. This collection of information also includes the certification of compliance with the participant notice requirements (but not the participant notices themselves). The PBGC intends to request that OMB extend its approval of this collection of information for another three years. (The participant notices constitute a different collection of information that has been separately approved by OMB.) 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 it receives responses annually from about 39,400 plan administrators and that the total annual burden of the collection of information is about 2,482 hours and \$9,431,600.

The PBGC is soliciting public comments to:

- Evaluate whether the 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 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 3rd day of August, 2000.

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Deputy Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

Summary of Proposal(s)

- (1) *Collection title:* Medicare.
- (2) *Form(s) submitted:* AA-6, AA-7, AA-8.
- (3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0082.
- (4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 9/30/2000.
- (5) *Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.
- (6) *Respondents:* Individuals or households; Business or other-for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.
- (7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 240.
- (8) *Total annual responses:* 240.
- (9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 32.
- (10) *Collection description:* The Railroad Retirement Board administers the Medicare program for persons covered by the railroad retirement system. It obtains information needed to enroll non-retired employees and survivor applicants in the plan; information to pay claims for services under Part B of the program; information providing for review of claims determinations; information needed to determine entitlement to a special enrollment period and information needed to determine entitlement to Supplementary Medical coverage.

Additional Information or Comments

Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Chuck Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer (312-751-3363). Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611-2092 and the OMB reviewer, Joe Lackey (202-