

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice serves as initial notification of a public workshop to provide for the exchange of information with all stakeholders regarding the staff's efforts to risk-inform the technical requirements of 10 CFR 50.46 (ECCS Acceptance Criteria), and the latest version of the framework for risk-informed changes to the technical requirements of 10 CFR Part 50. The meeting will focus on the current work being performed by the NRC staff to risk-inform the technical requirements of 10 CFR 50.46, and also on recent changes to the framework document.

This notice provides only the date, the location and a brief summary of the workshop; the workshop agenda and other details will be provided in a forthcoming **Federal Register** notice prior to the workshop.

Workshop Meeting Information: The staff intends to conduct a workshop to provide for an exchange of information related to (1) the staff's initial efforts to make risk-informed revisions to the technical requirements of 10 CFR 50.46, and (2) the latest version of the staff's framework for risk-informed changes to the technical requirements of 10 CFR Part 50. Persons other than NRC staff and NRC contractors interested in making a presentation at the workshop should notify Mary Drouin, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, MS: T10-E50, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington D.C. 20555-0001, (301) 415-6675, email: mxd@nrc.gov

Date: October 2, 2000.

Time: 8 am.

Agenda: To be provided.

Location: Auditorium, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Registration: There is no registration fee for the workshop; however, so that adequate space, materials, *etc.*, for the workshop can be arranged, please provide notification of attendance to Alan Kuritzky, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, MS: T10-E50, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, (301) 415-6255, email: ask1@nrc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan Kuritzky, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, MS: T10-E50, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, (301) 415-6255, email: ask1@nrc.gov.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Interest Assumption for Determining Variable-Rate Premium; 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 September 2000. The interest assumptions for performing multiemployer plan valuations following mass withdrawal under part 4281 apply to valuation dates occurring in October 2000.

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 September 2000 is 4.86 percent (*i.e.*, 85 percent of the 5.72 percent yield figure for August 2000).

The following table lists the assumed interest rates to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning between October 1999 and September 2000.

For premium payment years beginning in—	The assumed interest rate is—
October 1999	5.16
November 1999	5.32
December 1999	5.23
January 2000	5.40
February 2000	5.64
March 2000	5.30
April 2000	5.14
May 2000	4.97
June 2000	5.23
July 2000	5.04
August 2000	4.97
September 2000	4.86

Multiemployer Plan Valuations Following Mass Withdrawal

The PBGC's regulation on Duties of Plan Sponsor Following Mass Withdrawal (29 CFR part 4281) prescribes the use of interest assumptions under the PBGC's regulation on Allocation of Assets in Single-employer Plans (29 CFR part 4044). The interest assumptions applicable to valuation dates in October 2000 under part 4044 are contained in an amendment to part 4044 published elsewhere in today's **Federal Register**. Tables showing the assumptions applicable to prior periods are codified in appendix B to 29 CFR part 4044.

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Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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