in the enforcement arena, the NRC has identified a number of issues for public comment. The NRC is seeking public comment on the following specific questions and also invites general comments on the questions, and also invites general comments on the use of ADR in NRC enforcement cases.

It should be noted that the NRC's Discrimination Task Group already addressed and initially rejected the use of ADR in employment discrimination cases in its draft report which has been released for public comment (66 FR 32966 dated June 19, 2001 and *http://www.nrc.gov*—;Electronic Reading Room, ADAMS Accession No. ML011200244). The Commission, however, desires to more thoroughly examine the use of ADR in enforcement proceedings, including discrimination cases. Accordingly, the Discrimination Task Group will await evaluation of comments received as a result of this **Federal Register** Notice before finalizing its recommendation on the use of ADR.

The specific questions are as follows.

1. Is there a need to provide additional avenues, beyond the encouragement of settlement in 10 CFR 2.203, for the use of ADR in NRC enforcement activities?

2. What are the potential benefits of using ADR in the NRC enforcement process?

3. What are the potential disadvantages of using ADR in the NRC enforcement process?

4. What should be the scope of disputes in which ADR techniques could be utilized?

5. At what points in the existing enforcement process might ADR be used?

6. What types of ADR techniques might be used most effectively in the NRC enforcement process?

7. Does the nature of the existing enforcement process for either reactor or materials licensees limit the effectiveness of ADR?

8. Would any need for confidentiality in the ADR process be perceived negatively by the public?

9. For policy reasons, are there any enforcement areas where ADR should not be used, e.g., wrongdoing, employment discrimination, or precedent-setting areas?

10. What factors should be considered in instituting an ADR process for the enforcement area?

11. What should serve as the source of neutrals for use in the ADR process for enforcement?

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of December 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Frank J. Congel,

Director, Office of Enforcement.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Draft Regulatory Guide; Issuance, Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued for public comment a draft of a new guide in its Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques used by the staff in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data needed by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft guide, temporarily identified by its task number, DG–1111 (which should be mentioned in all correspondence concerning this draft guide), is ''Atmospheric Relative Concentrations for Control Room Radiological Habitability Assessments at Nuclear Power Plants.'' This draft guide is being developed to provide guidance on determining atmospheric relative concentration (X/Q) values in support of design basis control room radiological habitability assessments at nuclear power plants. This guide describes methods acceptable to the NRC staff for determining X/Q values that will be used in control room radiological habitability assessments performed in support of applications for licenses and license amendment requests.

This draft guide has not received complete staff approval and does not represent an official NRC staff position.

Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data. Written comments may be submitted to the Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. Comments will be most helpful if received by March 15, 2002.

You may also provide comments via the NRC's interactive rulemaking web site through the NRC home page (*http://www.nrc.gov*). This site provides the ability to upload comments as files (any format) if your web browser supports that function. For information about the interactive rulemaking web site, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher, (301) 415–5905; e-mail *CAG@NRC.GOV*. For information about the draft guide and the related documents, contact Mr. S.F. LaVie at (301) 415–1081; e-mail *SFL@NRC.GOV*.

Although a time limit is given for comments on this draft guide, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

Regulatory guides are available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD; the PDR's mailing address is USNRC PDR, Washington, DC 20555; telephone (301) 415–4737 or (800) 397–4205; fax (301) 415–3548; email *PDR@NRC>GOV*. Requests for single copies of draft or final guides (which may be reproduced) or for placement on an automatic distribution list for single copies of future draft guides in specific divisions should be made in writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Reproduction and Distribution Services Section; or by e-mail to <*DISTRIBUTION@NRC.GOV*>; or by fax to (301) 415–2289. Telephone requests cannot be accommodated. Regulatory guides are not copyrighted, and Commission approval is not required to reproduce them. (5 U.S.C. 552(a))

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of November 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Gina F. Thompson,

Senior Budget Analyst, Program Management, Policy Development and Analysis Staff, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Required Interest Rate 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 can be derived 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 required interest rate for determining the variable-rate premium under part 4006 applies to premium payment years beginning in December 2001. The interest assumptions for performing multiemployer plan valuations following mass withdrawal under part 4281 apply to valuation dates occurring in January 2002.

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. (TTY/TDD users may 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 (the ''required interest rate'') in determining a single-employer plan's variable-rate premium. The required interest 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 required interest rate to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning in December 2001 is 4.35 percent (*i.e.,* 85 percent of the 5.12 percent yield figure for November 2001).

The following table lists the required interest rates to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning between January 2001 and December 2001.

For premium payment years beginning in:	The required interest rate is:
January 2001	4.67
February 2001	4.71
March 2001	4.63
April 2001	4.54
May 2001	4.80
June 2001	4.91
July 2001	4.82
August 2001	4.77
September 2001	4.66
October 2001	4.66
November 2001	4.52
December 2001	4.35

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 January 2002 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.

Issued in Washington, DC, on this 11th day of December 2001.

Steven A. Kandarian,

Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: [66 FR 63422, December 6, 2001].

STATUS: Open Meeting.

PLACE: 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC.

DATE AND TIME OF PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED MEETING: Thursday, December 13, 2001 at 10 a.m.

CHANGE IN THE MEETING: Cancellation of Meeting/Additional Meetings.

The open meeting schedule for Thursday, December 11, 2001, has been cancelled, and rescheduled for Wednesday, December 19, 2001, at 10 a.m., in Room 1C30, the William O. Douglas Room. In addition to the open meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 19, 2001, the Commission will hold a closed meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2001, at 10 a.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(2)(5), (7), (9)(A), (9)(B), and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(5), (7), 9(i), 9(ii) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the closed meeting.

The subject matter of the closed meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 18, 2001 will be:

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature; and

Formal orders of investigation.

The subject matter of the open meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 19, 2001 will be:

1. The Commission will consider the Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc.'s request that the Commission interpret section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to apply to riskless principal transactions in certain securities in light of recent amendments to Nasdaq's trade reporting rules.

For further information, please contact Catherine McGuire or Joseph Corcoran, Division of Market Regulation, at (202) 942–0073).

2. The Commission will consider whether to extend an order exempting broker-dealers from the requirement of Securities Exchange Act of 1934 section 17(e)(1)(B) and rule 17a–5(c) to regularly send certain financial information to their customers. To take advantage of the exemption, a broker-dealer must send its customers certain net capital information and must provide its customers instructions for obtaining the remainder of its required financial disclosures on its web site or by dialing a toll-free number for a paper copy. The curernt order (Exchange Act Release No. 42222, December 10, 1999) granted the exemption for two yeaers as a pilot program ending December 31, 2001.

For further informataion please contact Thomas K. McGowan, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation, at (202) 942–4886.

3. The Commission will consider whether to adopt amendments to the disclosure requirements under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 applicable to annual reports filed on Forms 10–K and 10–KSB and to proxy and information statements. The amendments will enhance disclosure about equity compensation plans, including the number of outstanding options, warrants and rights, as well as the number of securities remaining available for future issuance. The amendments require registrants to provide information separately for plans that have not been approved by security holders.

For further information, please contact Mark A. Borges, Office of Rulemaking, Division of Corporation Finance, at (202) 942–2910.

4. The Commission will consider whether to adopt an amendment to rule