

(for external exposures) and CEDE (for internal exposures), in lieu of the current 10 CFR 20.1003 definition, is acceptable.

Additionally, the staff concludes that the methods for estimating EDE_{ex} described in EPRI Technical Report TR-101909, Volumes 1 and 2, and Implementation Guide TR-109446 are based on sound technical principles. The proposed EPRI weighted, two-dosimeter algorithm provides an acceptably conservative estimate of EDE_{ex} with a degree of certainty that is comparable to that inherent in the methods allowed by 10 CFR Part 20 for estimating CEDE. Therefore, subject to the limitations noted above, using the EPRI weighted, two-dosimeter algorithm so that

$EDE_{ex} = \frac{1}{2} (\text{MAX} + \frac{1}{2} (R_{front} + R_{back}))$

for the purposes of demonstrating compliance with 10 CFR 20.1003 is acceptable.

7.0 Conclusion

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 20.2301, the exemption is authorized by law and would not result in undue hazard to life or property. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants Entergy Operations, Inc. and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 20.1003 for Arkansas Nuclear One, Units 1 and 2; Grand Gulf Nuclear Station; Indian Point Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2 and 3; James A. Fitzpatrick Nuclear Power Plant; Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station; River Bend Station; Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant; and Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3. The exemption changes the definition of TEDE to mean the sum of EDE_{ex} or DDE (for external exposures) and CEDE (for internal exposures). This Exemption is granted to allow the licensee the option to monitor worker dose using EDE_{ex} based on the following conditions:

1. Only the EPRI weighted, two-dosimeter algorithm will be used such that

$EDE_{ex} = \frac{1}{2} (\text{MAX} + \frac{1}{2} (R_{front} + R_{back}))$

where R_{front} is the reading of the dosimeter on the front of the body, R_{back} is the reading of the dosimeter on the back of the body, and MAX is the higher of the front or back dosimeter readings.

2. The radiological work will be conducted and the dosimeters worn in such a way, so that no shielding material is present between the radioactive source(s) and the whole body, that would cast a shadow on the dosimeter(s) and not over other portions of the whole body.

3. The dosimeters used to estimate EDE_{ex} will have demonstrated angular response characteristics at least as good as that specified in the technical paper entitled, "A Study of the Angular Dependence Problem In Effective Dose Equivalent Assessment" (Health Physics Volume 68, No. 2, February 1995, pp. 214–224). Also, the dosimeters will be calibrated to indicate DDE at the monitored location, to ensure their readings reflect electronic equilibrium conditions.

4. The EPRI method for estimating EDE_{ex} from two dosimeter readings is not applicable to exposure situations where the sources of radiation are nearer than 12 inches (30 cm) from the surface of the body.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that the granting of this exemption will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (67 FR 56603, dated September 4, 2002).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of September 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Bruce A. Boger,

Director, Division of Inspection Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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SUNSHINE ACT NOTICE

Nuclear Regulatory Commission

DATE: Weeks of September 16, 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2002.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of September 16, 2002.

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of September 16, 2002.

Week of September 23, 2002—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of September 23, 2002.

Week of September 30, 2002—Tentative

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

9:25 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting), (If needed)

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Decommissioning Activities and Status (Public Meeting) (Contract: John Buckley, 301-415-6607)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

Wednesday, October 2, 2002

10 a.m. Briefing on Strategic Workforce Planning and Human Capital Initiatives (Closed—Ex. 2)

Week of October 7, 2002—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of October 7, 2002.

Week of October 14, 2002—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week October 14, 2002.

Week of October 21, 2002—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of October 21, 2002.

The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1294. Contact person for more information: R. Michelle Schroll (301) 415-1662.

Additional Information

The Discussion of Management Issues (Closed—Ex. 2) previously scheduled on Thursday, October 3, 2002, at 9 a.m. has been rescheduled on Thursday, November 14, 2002 at 2 p.m.

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/policy-making/schedule.html>.

This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to the distribution, please contact the Office of the Secretary; Washington, DC 20555 (301-415-1969). In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the Internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to dkw@nrc.gov.

Dated: September 12, 2002.

R. Michelle Schroll,

Acting Technical Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Proposed Submission of Information Collection for OMB Review; Comment Request; Locating and Paying Participants

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 its approval (with modifications) of a collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The purpose of the information collection is to enable the PBGC to pay benefits to participants and beneficiaries in plans covered by the PBGC insurance program. This notice informs the public of the PBGC’s intent and solicits public comment on the collection of information.

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. Copies of the collection of information may be obtained without charge by visiting or writing to the PBGC’s Communications and Public Affairs Department at Suite 240 at the above address or by calling that office at 202–326–4040 during normal business hours. (For TTY and TDD, call 800–877–8339 and request connection to 202–326–4040).

DATES: Comments should be submitted by November 18, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine B. Klion, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005–4026, 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: The PBGC intends to request that OMB extend its approval (with modifications) of a collection of information needed to pay participants and beneficiaries who may be entitled to pension benefits under a defined benefit plan that has terminated. The collection consists of information participants and beneficiaries are asked to provide in connection with an application for benefits. In addition, in some instances, as part of a search for participants and beneficiaries who may be entitled to benefits, the PBGC requests individuals to provide identifying information that the individual would provide as part of an initial contact with the PBGC. All requested information is needed to enable the PBGC to determine benefit entitlements and to make appropriate payments. The collection also includes pages on the PBGC’s web site, www.pbgc.gov, that, for certain large plans, provide respondents with specific information about their pension plan and enable them to obtain a rough estimate of their benefit, either by using an online benefit estimate calculator or by completing an online form and

submitting it to the PBGC to compute an estimate.

The existing collection of information under the regulation was approved under control number 1212–0055 (expires February 28, 2003). 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 125,750 benefit application or information forms will be filed annually by individuals entitled to benefits from the PBGC and that the associated burden is 69,500 hours (an average of about one-half hour per response) and about \$46,500. The PBGC further estimates that 5,500 individuals annually will provide the PBGC with identifying information as part of an initial contact and that the associated burden is 1,500 hours (an average of about one-quarter hour per response) and \$1,100. Thus, the total estimated annual burden associated with this collection of information is 71,000 hours and about \$47,600.

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 at Washington, DC, this 12th day of September, 2002.

Stuart A. Sirkin,

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

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Proposed Submission of Information Collection for OMB Review; Comment Request; Notice of Failure to Make Required Contributions

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 Part 4043 of its regulations relating to Notice of Failure to Make Required Contributions (OMB control number 1212–0041; expires January 31, 2003). 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 November 18, 2002.

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. Copies of the collection of information may be obtained without charge by visiting or writing to the PBGC’s Communications and Public Affairs Department at Suite 240 at the above address or by calling that office at 202–326–4040 during normal business hours. (For TTY and TDD, call 800–877–8339 and request connection to 202–326–4040). The regulations, forms, and instructions relating to the notice of failure to make required contributions may be accessed on the PBGC’s Web site at <http://www.pbgc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James L. Beller, 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 users, call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1–800–877–8339 and ask to be connected to 202–326–4040.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 302(f) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”) and section 412(n) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (“Code”) impose a lien in favor of an underfunded single-employer plan that is covered by the termination insurance program if (1) any person fails to make a required payment