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IMPORTANT REMINDERS ABOUT 2006 AND 2007 PBGC PREMIUM FILINGS

This notice is for plan administrators of both single-employer and multiemployer pension plans covered by Title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and for other practitioners who prepare and submit premium filings to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC).

Large Plans Must Now E-File For Plan Year 2006; All Plans Must E-file For Plan Year 2007

Effective July 1, 2006, large plans (those with 500 or more participants for the prior year) are required to electronically submit premium filings for plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2006. This means that any large-plan filing for plan year 2006 (estimated or final, original or amended) must now be e-filed. For example, a large plan that has not yet made its final 2006 filing must electronically submit the filing by October 16, 2006. Starting with plan year 2007, all plans (whether large or small) must electronically submit all premium filings.

Other Changes

- The flat-rate premium is now inflation-based and, therefore, may increase for 2007 and later plan years.
- The variable-rate premium may be capped for plans of certain small employers with 25 or fewer employees starting with plan year 2007.
- The interest rate used for determining the variable rate premium for plan years 2006 and 2007 is now 85% of the composite corporate bond rate. The monthly interest rates are reflected on PBGC's Web site (and may be accessed via the Practitioners Page).

E-File via My Plan Administration Account (My PAA)

Electronic filing is done through PBGC's secure Web-based application called "My Plan Administration Account" ("My PAA"). E-filings can be created using either the data entry and editing screens in My PAA or private-sector software that has been designed to work with My PAA. Enclosed with this notice is a [pamphlet](#) that gives information about how My PAA works and how to get started.

Learn How to E-File

To help familiarize filers with My PAA's e-filing and payment options, PBGC is offering "live" Webcasts at pre-scheduled times, a "self-service" online demonstration that can be reviewed at any time, and additional guidance such as checklists to help prepare for each filing method. To register for an upcoming one-hour Webcast, go to our Web site at www.pbgc.gov, select the Practitioners Page, click on the link "What's New" (in upper right corner of the page), and follow the Webcast instructions. To access the online demonstration or other My PAA information, click on the link "Online Premium Filing (My PAA)" on the Practitioners Page.

"What's New" for Practitioners

This section of our Web site highlights recent developments and information of interest to pension plan administrators and other practitioners. To find out more about the recent legislative changes, we urge you to review "What's New" before preparing or submitting premium filings. To access "What's New," see the instructions described in the previous paragraph.