

released offsite, and there is no significant increase in the allowable individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. The consequences of the postulated design basis accidents related to fuel handling and cask drop accidents will be greater than previously evaluated. However, the NRC considers NNECO's approach taken to calculate the dose analysis was conservative and conformed to the NRC Regulatory Guide 1.25. Furthermore, the consequences remain well within 10 CFR Part 100 doses (25 percent of 10 CFR Section 100.11(a)(1)) for offsite releases. Therefore, the TS changes will not significantly increase the consequences of any fuel handling or cask drop accidents.

With regard to potential non-radiological impacts, the proposed action does not involve any historic sites. It does not affect non-radiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant non-radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed amendment.

Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (i.e., the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the application would result in no significant change in current environmental impacts. Such action would not enhance the protection of the environment and would result in unjustified hardship to the licensee. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on January 25, 2001, the staff consulted with the Connecticut State official, Michael Firsick of the Division of Radiation, Department of Environmental Protection, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a

significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated June 29, 2000, as supplemented by letters dated October 16, 2000, and January 25, 2001. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov> (the Electronic Reading Room).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of April 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
Victor Nerses, Sr.,
Project Manager, Section 2, Project Directorate I, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Interest Assumption for Determining Variable-Rate Premium; Interest on Late Premium Payments; Interest on Underpayments and Overpayments of Single-Employer Plan Termination Liability and Multiemployer Withdrawal Liability; 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 April 2001. The interest assumptions for performing multiemployer plan valuations following mass withdrawal under part

4281 apply to valuation dates occurring in May 2001. The interest rates for late premium payments under part 4007 and for underpayments and overpayments of single-employer plan termination liability under part 4062 and multiemployer withdrawal liability under part 4219 apply to interest accruing during the second quarter (April through June) of 2001.

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 April 2001 is 4.54 percent (i.e., 85 percent of the 5.34 percent yield figure for March 2001).

The following table lists the assumed interest rates to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning between May 2000 and April 2001.

| For premium payment years beginning in: | The assumed interest rate is: |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| May 2000 | 4.97 |
| June 2000 | 5.23 |
| July 2000 | 5.04 |
| August 2000 | 4.97 |
| September 2000 | 4.86 |
| October 2000 | 4.96 |
| November 2000 | 4.93 |
| December 2000 | 4.91 |
| January 2001 | 4.67 |
| February 2001 | 4.71 |
| March 2001 | 4.63 |
| April 2001 | 4.54 |

Late Premium Payments; Underpayments and Overpayments of Single-Employer Plan Termination Liability

Section 4007(b) of ERISA and § 4007.7(a) of the PBGC's regulation on Payment of Premiums (29 CFR part 4007) require the payment of interest on late premium payments at the rate established under section 6601 of the Internal Revenue Code. Similarly, § 4062.7 of the PBGC's regulation on Liability for Termination of Single-employer Plans (29 CFR part 4062) requires that interest be charged or credited at the section 6601 rate on underpayments and overpayments of employer liability under section 4062 of ERISA. The section 6601 rate is established periodically (currently quarterly) by the Internal Revenue Service. The rate applicable to the second quarter (April through June) of 2001, as announced by the IRS, is 8 percent.

The following table lists the late payment interest rates for premiums and employer liability for the specified time periods:

| From— | Through— | Interest rate (percent) |
|--------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 4/1/95 | 6/30/95 | 10 |
| 7/1/95 | 3/31/96 | 9 |
| 4/1/96 | 6/30/96 | 8 |
| 7/1/96 | 3/31/98 | 9 |
| 4/1/98 | 12/31/98 | 8 |
| 1/1/99 | 3/31/99 | 7 |
| 4/1/99 | 3/31/00 | 8 |
| 4/1/00 | 3/31/01 | 9 |
| 4/1/01 | 6/30/01 | 8 |

Underpayments and Overpayments of Multiemployer Withdrawal Liability

Section 4219.32(b) of the PBGC's regulation on Notice, Collection, and Redetermination of Withdrawal Liability (29 CFR part 4219) specifies the rate at which a multiemployer plan is to charge or credit interest on underpayments and overpayments of withdrawal liability under section 4219 of ERISA unless an applicable plan provision provides otherwise. For interest accruing during any calendar quarter, the specified rate is the average quoted prime rate on short-term commercial loans for the fifteenth day (or the next business day if the fifteenth day is not a business day) of the month preceding the beginning of the quarter, as reported by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in Statistical Release H.15 ("Selected Interest Rates"). The rate for the second quarter (April through June) of 2001

(i.e., the rate reported for March 15, 2001) is 8.50 percent.

The following table lists the withdrawal liability underpayment and overpayment interest rates for the specified time periods:

| From— | Through— | Interest rate (percent) |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 4/1/95 | 9/30/95 | 9.00 |
| 10/1/95 | 3/31/96 | 8.75 |
| 4/1/96 | 6/30/97 | 8.25 |
| 7/1/97 | 12/31/98 | 8.50 |
| 1/1/99 | 9/30/99 | 7.75 |
| 10/1/99 | 12/31/99 | 8.25 |
| 1/1/00 | 3/31/00 | 8.50 |
| 4/1/00 | 6/30/00 | 8.75 |
| 7/1/00 | 3/31/01 | 9.50 |
| 4/1/01 | 6/30/01 | 8.50 |

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 May 2001 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 9th day of April 2001.

John Seal,

Acting Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Reclearance of a Revised Information Collection: RI 98-7

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for reclearance of a revised information collection. RI 98-7, We Need Important Information About Your Eligibility for Social Security Disability Benefits, is

used to verify receipt of Social Security Administration (SSA) disability benefits, make necessary adjustments to the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) disability benefit, and to notify the retiree of any overpayment amount payable to OPM. It also specifically notifies the retiree of his or her responsibility to notify OPM of his or her Social Security status and the consequences of non-notification.

Comments are particularly invited on: whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Office of Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Approximately 2,200 RI 98-7 forms will be completed annually. We estimate it takes approximately 5 minutes to complete the form. The annual burden is 183 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, or email to mbtoomey@opm.gov.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before June 12, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to John W. Crawford, Chief, FERS Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 3313, Washington, DC 20415-3520.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION CONTACT: Donna G. Lease, Budget and Administrative Services Division, (202) 606-0623.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Steven R. Cohen,

Acting Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for OMB Review; Request for Reinstatement of Revised Optional Forms: OPM Form OF 510, Applying for a Federal Job, and OPM Form OF 612, Optional Application for Federal Employment

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.