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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of September, 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Alois J. Burda,

Deputy Director, Financial Management, Procurement and Administration Staff, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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NUREG-0700, Rev. 1; Issuance, Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has developed guidance for the review of advanced control room designs and advanced human-system interfaces that may be located within conventional control rooms. This is being issued as Revision 1 to NUREG-0700, "Human-System Interface Design Review Guideline," which is the successor to, and integrates relevant sections of, the previous guidance used by the NRC staff, NUREG-0700 (1981), "Guidelines for Control Room Design Reviews." NUREG-0700, Revision 1 provides human factors engineering (HFE) guidance to the NRC staff for its: (1) review of the human system interface (HSI) design submittals prepared by licensees or applicants for a license or design certification of commercial nuclear power plants, and (2) performance of HSI reviews that could be undertaken as part of an inspection or other type of regulatory review involving HSI design or incidents involving human performance. The guidance consists of a review process and HFE guidelines. It describes those aspects of the HSI design review process that are important to the identification and resolution of human engineering discrepancies that could adversely affect plant safety. It provides guidance for the NRC staff to use in their review of an applicant's HSI design review process or to guide the NRC staff development of a review or inspection plan. It also provides detailed HFE guidelines for the assessment of HSI design implementations.

NUREG-0700, Revision 1 consists of three stand-alone volumes. Volume 1, "Process and Guidelines," is the principal technical document and includes a detailed discussion of both the review procedures and the HFE

guidelines. In Volume 2, "Reviewer's Checklist," the HFE guidelines are in a checklist format. Volume 3, "Review Software and User's Guide," is an interactive software application to support design reviews.

Revision 1 to NUREG-0700 is not a backfit and does not impose new requirements on current plants. It is not a generic communication that proposes a new NRC staff position or seeks additional licensee commitments. This document would not apply to licensees under 10 CFR Part 50 for the review of human-system interfaces unless the licensee initiated a voluntary upgrade.

Revision 1 to NUREG-0700 was developed to apply primarily to advanced reactors. New plant designs submitted to the NRC for review and approval under 10 CFR 52.47(a)(1)(ii) must meet 10 CFR 50.34(f)(2)(iii), which requires a "control room design that reflects state-of-the-art human factors principles." Revision 1 to NUREG-0700 will be used by the NRC staff as part of the comprehensive human factors engineering review process for advanced reactors described in the "Human Factors Engineering Program Review Model," NUREG-0711 (July 1994).

Revision 1 to NUREG-0700 is consistent with a previously established Commission position in that it does not include generic design certification communications or generic decisions for future plants (see SECY-92-224, June 22, 1992). The NUREG itself is not mandatory. Rather, the guidelines contained within it represent good human factors engineering practice based upon state-of-the-art research and validated review criteria developed in the nuclear industry as well as in other fields, primarily military and aerospace. The guidelines have been subjected to extensive independent peer review by subject matter experts as part of their development.

When this document was issued as a draft for comment in March 1995, the Commission encouraged comment "from all interested parties, and specifically from facilities licensed under 10 CFR Part 50, with regard to the NRC staff's contention that no backfitting is intended for current licensees with the issuance of this guidance document unless a licensee initiates a voluntary upgrade to its human-system interface." No such comments were received.

Four sets of written comments were received during the comment period, of which two were essentially identical. One additional set of comments was received after the expiration of the comment period. All comments were

considered by the NRC staff in its preparation of the final NUREG. Copies of the submitted comments, together with a copy of the NRC staff's "Response to Public Comments on Draft NUREG-0700, Revision 1" (September 21, 1995), are available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC. Requests for single copies of NUREGs (which may be reproduced) should be made in writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Distribution and Mail Services Section. Telephone requests cannot be accommodated. NUREGs are not copyrighted, and Commission approval is not required to reproduce them.

In accordance with the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, the NRC has determined that this action is not a major rule and has verified this determination with the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Wachtel, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301) 415-6498; e-mail JXW4@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of August 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Franklin D. Coffman, Jr.,

Chief, Control, Instrumentation & Human Factors Branch, Division of Systems Technology, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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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 provides information about 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); the PBGC furnishes the information in this notice simply for the convenience of the public. Interest rates

are also published on the PBGC's home page (<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 1996. The interest assumptions for performing multiemployer plan valuations following mass withdrawal under part 4281 apply to valuation dates occurring in October 1996.

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 (202-326-4179 for TTY and TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Variable-rate Premiums

Section 4006(a)(3)(E)(iii)(II) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 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 a specified percentage (currently 80 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 1996 (i.e., 80 percent of the yield figure for August 1996) is 5.47%. The following table lists the assumed interest rates to be used in determining variable rate premiums for premium payment years beginning in the one-year period ending with September 1996.

For premium payment years beginning in	The required interest rate is
October 1995	5.24
November 1995	5.10
December 1995	5.01
January 1996	4.85
February 1996	4.84
March 1996	4.99
April 1996	5.28
May 1996	5.43
June 1996	5.54
July 1996	5.65
August 1996	5.62
September 1996	5.47

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 1996 under part 4044 are contained in an amendment to part 4044 published elsewhere in today's Federal Register.

Issued in Washington, DC, on this 9th day of September 1996.

Martin Slate,

Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before October 15, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—

Victor C. Roy, Chief, Eligibility Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 2342, Washington, DC 20415

Joseph Lackey, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information & Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION—CONTACT: Mary Beth Smith-Toomey, Management Services Division, (202) 606-0623.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Lorraine A. Green,

Deputy Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Review of a Revised Information Collection; RI 30-2, RI 30-44

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget a request for clearance of a revised information collection. RI 30-2, Annuitant's Report of Earned Income, is used annually to determine if disability retirees under age 60 have earned income which will result in the termination of their annuity benefits. Beginning with the 1995 information collection, only annuitants who have qualifying earned income are required to respond. RI 30-44, Annuitant's Report of Income-Followup, is sent to annuitants whose returned RI 30-2 forms are unusable or damaged.

We estimate 21,000 RI 30-2 forms and 260 RI 30-44 forms are completed annually. The RI 30-2 takes approximately 35 minutes to complete for an estimated annual burden of 12,250 hours. The RI 30-44 takes approximately 5 minutes to complete for an estimated annual burden of 22 hours. The total annual estimated burden is 12,272 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Jim Farron on (202) 418-3208, or E-mail to jmfarron@mail.opm.gov

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Review of a Revised Information Collection: RI 38-107

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for review of a revised information collection. RI 38-107, Verification of Who is Getting Payments, is used to verify that the entitled person is indeed receiving the monies payable. Failure to collect this information would cause OPM to pay monies absent the assurance of a correct payee.

We estimate 25,400 RI 38-107 forms are completed annually. Each form takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden is 4,234 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Jim Farron on (202) 418-3208, or E-mail to jmfarron@mail.opm.gov

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before October 15th, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—

Lorraine E. Dettman, Chief, Operations Support Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of