

SUMMARY: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) is requesting 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 Reportable Events (OMB control number 1212-0013; expires November 30, 1999). This notice informs the public of the PBGC's request and solicits public comment on the collection of information.

DATES: Comments should be submitted by October 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, Washington, DC 20503. Copies of the request for extension (including the collection of information) are available from the Communications and Public Affairs Department, suite 240, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on business days.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Harold J. Ashner, Assistant General Counsel, or 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, call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339 and request connection to 202-326-4024.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4043 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) requires plan administrators and plan sponsors to report certain plan and corporate events to the PBGC. The reporting requirements give the PBGC timely notice of events that indicate plan or employer financial problems. The PBGC uses the information provided in determining what, if any, action it needs to take. For example, the PBGC might need to institute proceedings to terminate the plan (placing it in trusteeship) under section 4042 of ERISA to ensure the continued payment of benefits to plan participants and their beneficiaries or to prevent unreasonable increases in its losses.

The collection of information under the regulation has been approved through November 30, 1999, by OMB under control number 1212-0013. The PBGC is requesting that OMB extend 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 it will receive 305 reportable events notices per year under this collection of information. The PBGC further estimates that the average annual burden of this collection of information is 1,249 hours and \$187,350.

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Stuart Sirkin,

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

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Data Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Small Business Administration's intention to request approval on a new and/or currently approved information collection.

DATES: Submit comments on or before November 2, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, whether the burden estimate is accurate, and if there are ways to minimize the estimated burden and enhance the quality of the collection, to Mr. Leon Bechet, Assistant Administrator Division of Program Certification and Eligibility, Office of Minority Enterprise Development, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 8000, Washington, DC 20416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leon Bechet, Assistant Administrator Division Program Certification and Eligibility, 202-205-6416 or Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, 202-205-7030.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Personal Financial Statement 8(a) Business Development/SDB Certification Program.

Type of Request: New Information Collection.

Form No: SBA Form 2099.

Description of Respondents: Small Business Owners.

Annual Responses: (estimate 10,000).

Annual Burden: 15,000-20,000 hours (per application).

Dated: August 26, 1999.

Jacqueline White,

Chief, Administrative Information Branch.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Announcement of Public Forum on Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

TIME AND DATE: 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., September 21, 1999.

PLACE: Room 10234, Nassif Building, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

STATUS: Open to public with attendance limited to space available.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the forum is to have an exchange of ideas and to start a dialogue that will better enable the Department to analyze its rules. We do not want comments on specific rules or proposals, although it would be appropriate to use an existing rule to illustrate a point.

SUMMARY: The Department of Transportation will be hosting a public forum on regulatory flexibility analysis in rulemaking. Expert panelists for this forum will include representatives from business, labor and government. The moderator of the forum will present a series of issues to the panel for discussion; the audience will also be encouraged to ask questions or make comments. The forum will address various issues such as improving regulatory flexibility analysis used in rulemaking decisions, helping small entities participate more effectively in rulemaking, and reviewing existing rules to determine whether they should be revised to lessen or eliminate burdens on small entities. The forum on regulatory flexibility analysis is the third in a series of public forums on rulemaking. As with the forum on economic analysis held in May and the forum on risk assessment held in June, the forum on regulatory flexibility analysis will provide an opportunity for the public to join the Department in discussing important rulemaking issues.

REGISTRATION: Participants are requested to register their intent to attend this forum meeting by sending e-mail to gwyneth.radloff@ost.dot.gov. Put the words "Registration for Small Entities Forum" in the subject line and the participant's name, address, phone number, and affiliation in the body of the message. If you do not have internet access, you can register by calling 202-

366-4723 or by writing to the contact person below. Please include your name, address, and phone number in your letter/postcard. Also, remember that space is limited and registration is on a first-come-first-served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gwyneth Radloff, Office of General Counsel (C-50), Department of Transportation, Room 10424, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Phone: (202) 366-4723 (voice), (202) 755-7687 (TDD); Email: gwyneth.radloff@ost.dot.gov.

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Neil Eisner,

Assistant General Counsel for Regulation and Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-1998-4501]

Navigation Safety Advisory Council; North Puget Sound Long-Term Risk Management Panel

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The North Puget Sound Long-term Risk Management Panel will meet for the first time to discuss various issues relating to the maritime safety in the North Puget Sound area. The Coast Guard is creating the Panel under the charter for the Navigation Safety Advisory Council (NAVSAC). The meeting and all subsequent meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: The North Puget Sound Long-Term Risk Management Panel will meet on Thursday and Friday, September 23 and 24, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Panel will meet at the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) Western Regional Center in Building 9, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Seattle, WA 98115. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Captain Scott Davis, Coast Guard Thirteenth District, 206-220-7210, or Mr. Joe Stohr, State of Washington Department of Ecology, 360-407-7450.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

North Puget Sound Long-Term Risk Management Panel

The Coast Guard is creating the North Puget Sound Long-Term Risk

Management Panel under the charter of the Navigation Safety Advisory Council (NAVSAC) (a Federal advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. 2). The Panel will develop an integrated plan for managing the marine safety risks in the North Puget Sound area and adjacent waters. The geographic area includes the entrance and approaches to the Strait of Juan de Fuca, the Strait of Juan de Fuca to Admiralty Inlet, Haro Strait and Boundary Pass, Rosario Strait, and the Strait of Georgia. The Panel will consider all relevant information and evaluate all potential measures to improve marine safety in the North Puget Sound area. By June 15, 2000, the Panel will submit a report of its recommendations via NAVSAC to the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard and the Governor of the State of Washington. Recommendations may involve international, Federal, State, and voluntary activities and measures. The Panel will be chaired by RADM Paul Blayney, Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Thirteenth District, and Mr. Thomas Fitzsimmons, Director, State of Washington Department of Ecology.

In accordance with NAVSAC's charter, the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard will invite the members of the Panel. Each member will represent one of the following groups:

1. Native Americans (1 seat).
2. Puget Sound Steamship Operators Association (1 seat).
3. Western States Petroleum Association (2 seats).
4. County governments (2 seats).
5. North Pacific Fishing Vessel Operators Association (1 seat).
6. Washington Environmental Council (2 seats).
7. Washington Public Ports Association (1 seat).
8. Shellfish Growers Association (1 seat).
9. American Waterways Operators (1 seat).
10. Puget Sound Pilots Association (1 seat).
11. City Government (1 seat).
12. State legislators (4 seats).
13. U.S. Congressional staff (1 seat).
14. Canadian Coast Guard (1 seat).
15. Transport Canada (1 seat).

Agendas of Meetings

The meetings will include evaluations of the components of the existing safety system as well as detailed discussions of various potential improvements to maritime safety in the region. The Panel will use an approach based on recognized risk assessment and risk management practices to develop an integrated plan to manage identified risks. The plan development process

will include evaluation of a broad range of information about the safety and marine transportation systems along with relevant risk information on hazards, incident history, oil movements, environmental sensitivity, response capability and other information.

Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Procedural

The meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may close early if all business is finished. At the Co-Chairs' discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. The Co-Chairs and the Panel members will determine the time and place of subsequent meetings of the Panel. For information about subsequent meetings, contact a person listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact Captain Scott Davis at 206-220-7210.

Dated: August 30, 1999.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-1998-4765]

Coast Guard "Optimize Training Infrastructure" Initiative: Programmatic Environmental Assessment and Proposed Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability, notice of meetings, and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces the availability of a Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) and a proposed Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the "Optimize Training Infrastructure" (OTI) Initiative. The OTI Initiative examined the ability of the Coast Guard's training infrastructure (training methods, personnel, and facilities) to support changing technological and operational conditions in an efficient, cost-effective manner. This notice also announces