

balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)–(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated June 30, 1999, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Emporia State University, William Allen White Library, 1200 Commercial Street, Emporia, Kansas 66801 and Washburn University School of Law Library, Topeka, Kansas 66621.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of July 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Jack N. Donohew,

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Pilot Program Evaluation Panel; Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of October 6, 1972 (Pub. L. 94–463, Stat. 770–776) the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) announced the establishment of the Pilot Program Evaluation Panel (PPEP). The PPEP will function as a management-level Oversight group to monitor and evaluate the success of the Commission's Reactor Oversight Process Improvements program. A Charter governing the PPEP functions as a Federal Advisory Committee was filed on June 30, 1999, after consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration. The PPEP will hold its first meeting on July 28, 1999, in Conference Room T–2B1, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The PPEP meeting participants are listed below along with their affiliation:

Frank P. Gillespie—Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mohan C. Thadani—Nuclear Regulatory Commission
James T. Wiggins—Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Bruce Mallet—Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Geoffrey Grant—Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Kenneth E. Brockman—Nuclear Regulatory Commission
James Lieberman—Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Steve Floyd—Nuclear Energy Institute
David Garchow—Public Service Electric and Gas
Masoud Bajestani—Tennessee Valley Authority
George Barnes—Commonwealth Edison Company
James Chase—Omaha Public Power District
Gary Wright—Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety
David Lochbaum—Union of Concerned Scientists

A tentative agenda of the meeting is outlined as follows:

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| 9:00–9:30 a.m. | Introduction and opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of the Designated Federal Employee • Noticing requirements • Public participation |
| 9:30–11:00 a.m. | Discuss conduct of panel and rules of operation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequency of meetings • Location of meetings • Formation of subcommittees • Distribution of transcripts and other information • Approach to report generation • Use of facilities |
| 11:00 a.m.–12:00 n. .. | Staff presentation on how pilot data are being collected and analyzed |
| 12:00 n.–1:00 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:00–2:00 p.m. | NEI Presentation on Industry evaluation efforts and what would be available to the Panel |
| 2:00–3:00 p.m. | Panel discussion on need for any additional data or analyses |
| 3:00 p.m. | Discussion and public presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future invited speakers • Public's oral presentations |
| 4:00 p.m. | Meeting Adjourned |

Meetings of the PPEP are open to the members of the public. Formal procedures for the conduct of the Panel meetings will be developed during the July 28, 1999 meeting. In the interim, at the July 28, 1999, meeting, oral or written views may be presented by the members of the public, including members of the nuclear industry. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Mr. Frank P. Gillespie (Telephone 301/415–1004, e-mail FPG@nrc.gov) or Mr. Mohan C. Thadani (Telephone 301/415–1476, e-mail MCT@nrc.gov) five days prior to the meeting date, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made to allow necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras will be permitted during this meeting.

Further information regarding topics of discussion; whether the meeting has been canceled, rescheduled, or relocated; and the Panel Chairman's ruling regarding requests to

present oral statements and time allotted, may be obtained by contacting Mr. Frank P. Gillespie or Mr. Mohan C. Thadani between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. EDT.

PPEP meeting transcripts and meeting reports will be available from the Commission's Public Document Room. Transcripts will be placed on the agency's web page when a web site for PPEP is established.

Dated: July 9, 1999.

Andrew Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance About Well Logging, Tracer, and Field Flood Study Licenses, Availability of Draft NUREG

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is announcing the availability of and requesting comments on draft NUREG–1556, Volume 14, "Consolidated Guidance about Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance about Well Logging, Tracer, and Field

Flood Study Licenses," dated May 1999. This draft NUREG report is the 14th program-specific guidance document developed to support an improved material licensing process. NRC is using Business Process Redesign (BPR) techniques to redesign its material licensing process, as described in NUREG-1539, "Methodology and Findings of the NRC's Materials Licensing Process Redesign." A critical element of the new process is consolidating and updating numerous guidance documents into a NUREG-series of reports.

This draft guide has been developed in parallel with the proposed revision of 10 CFR part 39, "Energy Compensation Sources for Well Logging and Other Regulatory Clarifications," published as a Proposed Rule on April 19, 1999 (64 FR 19089). Comments received in response to publication of this draft guidance will be considered in developing the final guide. Finalization of the guidance will continue to parallel the rulemaking resulting in a guidance document that is consistent with the final rule. It is intended for use by applicants, licensees, NRC license reviewers, and other NRC personnel.

This draft report takes a more risk-informed, performance-based approach to licensing of well logging, tracer, and field flood study operations, and reduces the information (amount and level of detail) needed to support an application to use these devices. Note that this document is strictly for public comment and is not for use in preparing or reviewing applications until it is published in final form.

DATES: The comment period ends September 13, 1999. Comments received after that time will be considered if practicable.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Hand-deliver comments to 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Federal workdays. Comments may also be submitted through the Internet by addressing electronic mail to dlm1@nrc.gov.

Those considering public comment may request a free single copy of draft NUREG-1556, Volume 14, by writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Mrs. Sally L. Merchant, Mail Stop TWFN 9-F-31, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Alternatively, submit requests through the Internet by addressing electronic mail to slm2@nrc.gov. A copy of draft

NUREG-1556, Volume 14, is also available for inspection and/or copying for a fee in the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555-0001.

The Presidential Memorandum dated June 1, 1998, entitled, "Plain Language in Government Writing," directed that the Federal government's writing be in plain language. The NRC specifically requests comments on this licensing guidance NUREG regarding the clarity and effectiveness of the language used. Comments should be sent to the address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Sally L. Merchant, Mail Stop TWFN 9-F-31, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301) 415-7874; electronic mail address: slm2@nrc.gov.

Electronic Access

Draft NUREG-1556, Vol. 14 is available electronically by visiting NRC's Home Page (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/nucmat.html>).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of June, 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Patricia K. Holahan,

Acting Chief, Rulemaking and Guidance Branch, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, NMSS.

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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 July 1999. The interest assumptions for performing multiemployer plan valuations following mass withdrawal under part 4281 apply to valuation dates occurring in August 1999. 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 third quarter (July through September) of 1999.

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 July 1999 is 5.13 percent (*i.e.*, 85 percent of the 6.04 percent yield figure for June 1999).

The following table lists the assumed interest rates to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning between August 1998 and July 1999.

| For premium payment years beginning in: | The assumed interest rate is: |
|---|-------------------------------|
| August 1998 | 4.83 |
| September 1998 | 4.71 |
| October 1998 | 4.42 |
| November 1998 | 4.26 |
| December 1998 | 4.46 |
| January 1999 | 4.30 |