

program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps ensure that requested data is provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before December 14, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Debbie Ferraro, Management Services Division, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2171, Arlington, VA 22209-3939. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on computer disk, or via E-mail to [Ferraro.Debbie@DOL.GOV](mailto:Ferraro.Debbie@DOL.GOV). Ms. Ferraro can be reached at (202) 693-9821 (voice), or (202) 693-9801 (facsimile).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Contact the employee listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

When rock bursts occur in an underground mine, they pose a serious threat to the safety of miners in the area affected by the burst. These bursts may reasonably be expected to result in the entrapment, serious physical harm, or death, of miners. Recently developed mining technology now permits mine operators to monitor rock stresses, which helps predict an impending burst. These predictions can be used by a mine operator to move miners to safer locations and to establish areas that need relief drilling. Title 30, Section 57.3461 requires operators of underground metal and nonmetal mines to develop a rock burst control plan within 90 days after a rock burst has occurred.

**II. Desired Focus of Comments**

Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection requirement related to the Rock Burst Control Plans. MSHA is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of MSHA's functions, including whether the information has practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of MSHA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the

validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Suggest methods to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Address the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, (e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses) to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond. A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the employee listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice or viewed on the internet by accessing the MSHA home page (<http://www.msha.gov/>) and selecting "Rules and Regs", then selecting "Fed Reg Docs."

**III. Current Actions**

This information collection needs to be extended to protect miners from entrapment, serious physical harm or death, in metal and nonmetal underground mines with a history of rock bursts.

*Type of Review:* Extension.  
*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.  
*Title:* Rock Burst Control Plans.  
*OMB Number:* 1219-0097.  
*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Frequency:* On occasion.  
*Cite/Reference:* 30 CFR 57.3461.  
*Total Respondents:* 2.  
*Total Responses:* 2.  
*Average Time per Response:* 12 hours.  
*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 24 hours.

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* \$0.

*Total Operating and Maintenance Costs:* \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated at Arlington, Virginia, this 10th day of October, 2007.

**David L. Meyer,**

*Director, Office of Administration and Management.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**President's Committee on the National Medal of Science; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-

463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* President's Committee on the National Medal of Science (1182).

*Date and Time:* Friday, November 30, 2007, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

*Place:* Room 1235, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Ms. Mayra Montrose, Program Manager, Room 1282, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703-292-4757.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations to the President in the selection of the 2007 National Medal of Science recipients.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate nominations as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The nominations being reviewed include information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute unwarranted invasions of personal privacy. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: October 10, 2007.

**Susanne Bolton,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**NUREG/CR-XXXX, "Approaches for Using Traditional Probabilistic Risk Assessment Methods for Digital Systems"; Draft Report for Comment**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is conducting research to support development of regulatory guidance for using risk information related to digital systems in the licensing actions of nuclear power plants (NPPs). The objective of this research is to identify and develop methods, analytical tools, and regulatory guidance to support (1) Using information on the risks of digital systems in NPP licensing decisions, and (2) including models of digital systems into NPP probabilistic risk assessments (PRAs).

In support of this research, Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) is working on the use of traditional

methods to develop and quantitatively assess reliability models of digital systems. As part of this work, BNL will apply two selected traditional methods to two benchmark digital systems. The initial tasks in the BNL project, including preparatory work for developing the reliability models of the first benchmark system, are addressed in draft NUREG/CR-XXXX, "Approaches for Using Traditional Probabilistic Risk Assessment Methods for Digital Systems." This notice announces the availability of the draft NUREG/CR for public comment.

**DATES:** Please submit comments on NUREG/CR-XXXX, "Approaches for Using Traditional Probabilistic Risk Assessment Methods for Digital Systems," by November 14, 2007. Comments received after this date will be considered if practical to do so, but the NRC staff is able to ensure consideration only for those comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** NUREG/CR-XXXX, "Approaches for Using Traditional Probabilistic Risk Assessment Methods for Digital Systems," is available for inspection and copying for a fee at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), Public File Area O-1F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available documents created or received at the NRC after November 1, 1999, are available electronically at the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>. From this site, the public can gain entry into the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of the NRC's public documents. The ADAMS Accession Numbers for NUREG/CR-XXXX, "Approaches for Using Traditional Probabilistic Risk Assessment Methods for Digital Systems," are ML072690235 (main report) and ML072690238 (appendices). If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC PDR Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

This document will also be posted on the NRC's public Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/research/digital/tech-reference.html#one>.

Please submit comments to Chief, Rulemaking, Directives and Editing Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. You may also deliver comments to 11545

Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Federal workdays, or by e-mail to: [nrcprep@nrc.gov](mailto:nrcprep@nrc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Alan Kuritzky, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone (301) 415-6255, e-mail: [ask1@nrc.gov](mailto:ask1@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of October, 2007.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Christiana Lui,**

*Director, Division of Risk Analysis, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.*

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**PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION**

**Required Interest Rate Assumption for Determining Variable-Rate Premium for Single-Employer Plans; 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 can be derived 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 required interest rate for determining the variable-rate premium under part 4006 applies to premium payment years beginning in October 2007. The interest assumptions for performing multiemployer plan valuations following mass withdrawal under part 4281 apply to valuation dates occurring in November 2007. 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 fourth

quarter (October through December) of 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Catherine B. Klion, Manager, Regulatory and Policy Division, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, 202-326-4024. (TTY/TDD users may 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 (the "required interest rate") in determining a single-employer plan's variable-rate premium. Pursuant to the Pension Protection Act of 2006, for premium payment years beginning in 2006 or 2007, the required interest rate is the "applicable percentage" of the annual rate of interest determined by the Secretary of the Treasury on amounts invested conservatively in long-term investment grade corporate bonds for the month preceding the beginning of the plan year for which premiums are being paid (the "premium payment year").

On February 2, 2007 (at 72 FR 4955), the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) published final regulations containing updated mortality tables for determining current liability under section 412(l)(7) of the Code and section 302(d)(7) of ERISA for plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2007. As a result, in accordance with section 4006(a)(3)(E)(iii)(II) of ERISA, the "applicable percentage" to be used in determining the required interest rate for plan years beginning in 2007 is 100 percent.

The required interest rate to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning in October 2007 is 6.23 percent (i.e., 100 percent of the 6.23 percent composite corporate bond rate for September 2007 as determined by the Treasury).

The following table lists the required interest rates to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning between November 2006 and October 2007.

For premium payment years beginning in:	The required interest rate is:
November 2006 .....	5.05