

Because of the need to provide immediate guidance for the valuation and payment of benefits in plans with valuation dates during August 2008, the PBGC finds that good cause exists for making the assumptions set forth in this amendment effective less than 30 days after publication.

The PBGC has determined that this action is not a "significant regulatory action" under the criteria set forth in Executive Order 12866.

Because no general notice of proposed rulemaking is required for this amendment, the Regulatory Flexibility

Act of 1980 does not apply. See 5 U.S.C. 601(2).

List of Subjects

29 CFR Part 4022

Employee benefit plans, Pension insurance, Pensions, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

29 CFR Part 4044

Employee benefit plans, Pension insurance, Pensions.

■ In consideration of the foregoing, 29 CFR parts 4022 and 4044 are amended as follows:

PART 4022—BENEFITS PAYABLE IN TERMINATED SINGLE-EMPLOYER PLANS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 4022 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 29 U.S.C. 1302, 1322, 1322b, 1341(c)(3)(D), and 1344.

■ 2. In appendix B to part 4022, Rate Set 178, as set forth below, is added to the table.

Appendix B to Part 4022—Lump Sum Interest Rates for PBGC Payments

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| Rate set | For plans with a valuation date | | Immediate annuity rate (percent) | Deferred annuities (percent) | | | | |
|----------|---------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | On or after | Before | | i ₁ | i ₂ | i ₃ | n ₁ | n ₂ |
| * | * | | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| 178 | 08-1-08 | 09-1-08 | 3.25 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 7 | 8 |

■ 3. In appendix C to part 4022, Rate Set 178, as set forth below, is added to the table.

Appendix C to Part 4022—Lump Sum Interest Rates for Private-Sector Payments

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| Rate set | For plans with a valuation date | | Immediate annuity rate (percent) | Deferred annuities (percent) | | | | |
|----------|---------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | On or after | Before | | i ₁ | i ₂ | i ₃ | n ₁ | n ₂ |
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| 178 | 08-1-08 | 09-1-08 | 3.25 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 7 | 8 |

PART 4044—ALLOCATION OF ASSETS IN SINGLE-EMPLOYER PLANS

■ 4. The authority citation for part 4044 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 29 U.S.C. 1301(a), 1320(b)(3), 1341, 1344, 1362.

■ 5. In appendix B to part 4044, a new entry for August 2008, as set forth below, is added to the table.

Appendix B to Part 4044—Interest Rates Used to Value Benefits

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| For valuation dates occurring in the month— | The values of i _t are: | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|---------|----------------|---------|----------------|---------|
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| August 2008 | .0605 | 1-20 | .0512 | >20 | N/A | N/A |

Issued in Washington, DC, on this 8th day of July 2008.

Vincent K. Snowbarger,

Deputy Director for Operations, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 3

RIN 2900-AM89

Eligibility Reporting Requirements

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document amends the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

adjudication regulations regarding eligibility verification reports for certain parents receiving dependency and indemnity compensation. This amendment is necessary to conform the regulation to statutory provisions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This amendment is effective July 15, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maya Ferrandino, Regulations Staff (211D), Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits

Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (727) 319-5847. (This is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: VA has two income-based benefit programs: pension and parents' dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC). VA may require a beneficiary of these programs to submit an eligibility verification report (EVR) in order to determine or verify entitlement under these programs. See 38 U.S.C. 1315, 1506; 38 CFR 3.256, 3.277, 3.661. The authorizing statute for allowing VA to require an EVR from a parents' DIC beneficiary, section 1315(e), provides an exception for parents who have attained 72 years of age and have been paid DIC during two consecutive calendar years.

In the past, VA has interpreted section 1315(e) as allowing VA the discretion to continue requiring EVRs from this category of parents' DIC beneficiaries. See 60 FR 25877, 25877-78 (May 15, 1995). However, on current review, we have determined that the statute does not allow VA to require EVRs from this group, and we are, therefore, amending the implementing regulation, § 3.256(b)(3), to state that VA will not request an EVR from these beneficiaries. This regulatory amendment does not change the requirement that parents' DIC beneficiaries who have attained 72 years of age and have been paid DIC during two consecutive calendar years must report material changes in income to VA. See 38 U.S.C. 1315(e) and 38 CFR 3.256(a).

Administrative Procedures Act

This final rule is an interpretative rule and the changes made by this rule merely reflect VA's interpretation of statutory requirements. The primary purpose of the amendment is to implement VA's statutory interpretation of 38 U.S.C. 1315 and to align § 3.256 to the statute. Section 553(b) of title 5, U.S. Code, does not apply to interpretive rules. Accordingly, there is a basis for dispensing with prior notice and opportunity to comment. Moreover, under section 553(d), interpretive rules do not require 30 days prior notice before they may become effective. Therefore, because the amendment to § 3.256 is an interpretive rule, the amendment may have an immediate effect. Accordingly, there is a basis for dispensing with the delayed effective date provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(d).

Paperwork Reduction Act

This document contains no provisions constituting a new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521).

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) assigns a control number for each collection of information it approves. VA may not sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Control number 2900-0101 has been assigned for the collection of information under § 3.256.

The amendments to § 3.256 in this final rule remain within the scope of the approved collections of information. This document will not increase the information burden, nor is it a complete discontinuance because VA will continue to request EVRs from individuals who do not meet the exception requirements under section 1315(e). The amendments are a slight modification that applies to the narrow group of people who meet the exception. Any reduction in the burdens imposed by this approved collection will be identified and addressed in the extension request that VA must submit to OMB before July 31, 2008.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Secretary hereby certifies that this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601-612. This final rule would not affect any small entities. Only VA beneficiaries could be directly affected. Therefore, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), this final rule is exempt from the initial and final regulatory flexibility analysis requirements of sections 603 and 604.

Executive Order 12866

Executive Order 12866 directs agencies to assess all costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, when regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety, and other advantages; distributive impacts; and equity). The Executive Order classifies a "significant regulatory action," requiring review by OMB unless OMB waives such review, as any regulatory action that is likely to result in a rule that may: (1) Have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more or adversely affect in a material way the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or State, local, or tribal governments or communities; (2) create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with an action taken or planned by another agency; (3) materially alter the budgetary impact of

entitlements, grants, user fees, or loan programs or the rights and obligations of recipients thereof; or (4) raise novel legal or policy issues arising out of legal mandates, the President's priorities, or the principles set forth in the Executive Order.

The economic, interagency, budgetary, legal, and policy implications of this final rule have been examined and it has been determined not to be a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866.

Unfunded Mandates

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 requires, at 2 U.S.C. 1532, that agencies prepare an assessment of anticipated costs and benefits before issuing any rule that may result in the expenditure by State, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100 million or more (adjusted annually for inflation) in any year. This final rule would have no such effect on State, local, and tribal governments, or on the private sector.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers and Titles

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance program numbers and titles for this proposal are 64.102, Compensation for Service-Connected Deaths for Veterans' Dependents and 64.110, Veterans Dependency and Indemnity Compensation for Service-Connected Death.

List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 3

Administrative practice and procedure, Claims, Disability benefits, Health care, Pensions, Radioactive materials, Veterans, Vietnam.

Approved: June 12, 2008.

Gordon H. Mansfield,

Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

■ For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 38 CFR part 3 is amended as follows:

PART 3—ADJUDICATION

Subpart A—Pension, Compensation, and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation

■ 1. The authority citation for part 3, subpart A, continues to read as follows:

Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501(a), unless otherwise noted.

■ 2. Revise § 3.256(b)(3) introductory text to read as follows:

§ 3.256 Eligibility reporting requirements.

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(b) * * *

(3) Except for a parent who has attained 72 years of age and has been

paid dependency and indemnity compensation during two consecutive calendar years, the Secretary shall require an eligibility verification report from individuals receiving parents' dependency and indemnity compensation under the following circumstances:

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 300

[EPA-HQ-SFUND-1989-0008, Notice 4; FRL-8691-8]

National Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Withdrawal of direct final Notice of Deletion.

SUMMARY: On June 13, 2008 EPA published a Notice of Intent to Delete (73 FR 33758) and a direct final Notice of Deletion (73 FR 33721) for the Fourth Street Abandoned Refinery Superfund Site from the National Priorities List. The EPA is withdrawing the Final Notice of Deletion due to adverse comments that were received during the public comment period. After consideration of the comments received, if appropriate, EPA will publish a Notice of Deletion in the **Federal Register** based on the parallel Notice of Intent to Delete and place a copy of the final deletion package, including a Responsiveness Summary, if prepared, in the Site repositories.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This withdrawal of the direct final action is effective as of *July 15, 2008*.

ADDRESSES:

Information Repositories: Comprehensive information on the Site, as well as the comments that we received during the comment period, are available in docket EPA-HQ-SFUND-1989-0008, Notice 4, accessed through the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site. Although listed in the docket index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in <http://www.regulations.gov> or in hard copy at:

U.S. EPA Online Library System at <http://www.epa.gov/natlibra/ols.htm>;
U.S. EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, (214) 665-6617, by appointment only Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.;
Ralph Ellison Library, 2000 Northeast 23, Oklahoma City, OK 73111, (409) 643-5979, Monday through Wednesday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.;
Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ), 707 North Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73101, (512) 239-2920, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bartolome Canellas, Remedial Project Manager, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, 6SF-RL, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, canellas.bart@epa.gov or (214) 665-6662 or 1-800-533-3508.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 300

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Chemicals, Hazardous Waste, Hazardous substances, Intergovernmental relations, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Superfund, Water pollution control, Water Supply.

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1321(c)(2); 42 U.S.C. 9601-9657; E.O. 12777, 56 FR 54757, 3 CFR, 1991 Comp., p. 351; E.O. 12580, 52 FR 2923; 3 CFR, 1987 Comp., p. 193.

Dated: June 26, 2008.

Richard E. Greene,
Regional Administrator, Region 6.

Accordingly, the amendment to Table "1" of Appendix B to 40 CFR Part 300 to remove the entry "Fourth Street Abandoned Refinery", "Oklahoma City, Oklahoma" is withdrawn as of July 15, 2008.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 300

[EPA-HQ-SFUND-1989-0008, Notice 3; FRL-8691-9]

National Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Withdrawal of direct final Notice of Deletion.

SUMMARY: On June 13, 2008 EPA published a Notice of Intent to Delete (73 FR 33760) and a direct final Notice of Deletion (73 FR 33718) for the Double Eagle Refinery Co. from the National Priorities List. The EPA is withdrawing the Final Notice of Deletion due to adverse comments that were received during the public comment period. After consideration of the comments received, if appropriate, EPA will publish a Notice of Deletion in the **Federal Register** based on the parallel Notice of Intent to Delete and place a copy of the final deletion package, including a Responsiveness Summary, if prepared, in the Site repositories.

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