

provide additional information on the rate of degradation.

6. *Acceptance Criteria:* Bolted connections must meet the manufacturer's minimum torque specifications, or the resistance of bolted joints must meet required specifications. Bus ducts are to be free from any surface anomalies that suggest that conductor insulation degradation exists. An additional acceptance criterion includes no indication of unacceptable corrosion, cracking, foreign debris, dust buildup, or moisture intrusion. Any condition or situation that, if not corrected, could lead to a loss of intended function is considered unacceptable.

7. *Corrective Actions:* Further investigation and evaluation is performed when the acceptance criterion is not met. Corrective actions may include but are not limited to sample expansion, increased inspection frequency, and replacement or repair of the affected bus duct insulation components. When an unacceptable or situation is identified, a determination shall be made as to whether the same condition or situation is applicable to other areas, and sample expansion shall include those areas. As discussed in the appendix to this report, the staff finds the requirements of 10 CFR part 50, appendix B, acceptable to address corrective actions.

8. *Confirmation Process:* As discussed in the appendix to this report, the staff finds the requirements of 10 CFR part 50, appendix B, acceptable to address the confirmation process.

9. *Administrative Controls:* As discussed in the appendix to this report, the staff finds the requirements of 10 CFR part 50, appendix B, acceptable to address administrative controls.

10. *Operating experience:* Industry operating experience has demonstrated that the failures of bus ducts are caused by cracked insulation of the bus combined with moisture or debris buildup internal to the bus ducts. It has also been shown that bus duct internals exposed to appreciable ohmic heating during operation may experience loosening of bolted connections related to repeated cycling of connected loads.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Submission of Information Collection for OMB Review; Comment Request; Liability for Termination of Single-Employer Plans

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of request for extension of OMB approval.

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 a collection of information in its regulation on Liability for Termination of Single-Employer Plans, 29 CFR Part 4062 (OMB control number 1212-0017; expires January 31, 2005). 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 January 24, 2005.

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) may be obtained without charge by writing to or visiting the PBGC's Communications and Public Affairs Department, suite 240, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026, or calling (202) 326-4040. (TTY and TDD users may call (800) 877-8339 and request connection to (202) 326-4040). The regulation on Employer Liability can be accessed on the PBGC's Web site at <http://www.pbgc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas H. Gabriel, 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 (800) 877-8339 and request connection to (202) 326-4024).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4062 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 provides that the contributing sponsor of a single-employer pension plan and members of the sponsor's controlled group ("the employer") incur liability ("employer liability") if the plan terminates with assets insufficient to pay benefit liabilities under the plan. The PBGC's statutory lien for employer liability and the payment terms for employer liability are affected by whether and to what extent employer liability exceeds 30 percent of the employer's net worth.

Section 4062.6 of the PBGC's employer liability regulation (29 CFR 4062.6) requires a contributing sponsor or member of the contributing sponsor's controlled group who believes employer liability upon plan termination exceeds 30 percent of the employer's net worth to so notify the PBGC and to submit net worth information. This information is necessary to enable the PBGC to determine whether and to what extent employer liability exceeds 30 percent of the employer's net worth.

The collection of information under the regulation has been approved by OMB under control number 1212-0017 (expires January 31, 2005). The PBGC is requesting that OMB extend its approval for 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 an average of 5 contributing sponsors or controlled group members per year will respond to this collection of information. The PBGC further estimates that the average annual burden of this collection of information will be 12 hours and \$3,300 per respondent, with an average total annual burden of 60 hours and \$16,500.

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