

2. In appendix B to part 4022, Rate Set 111, as set forth below, is added to the

table. (The introductory text of the table is omitted.)

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

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Rate set	For plans with a valuation date		Imme- diate an- nuity rate (percent)	Deferred annuities (percent)				
	On or after	Before		i ₁	i ₂	i ₃	n ₁	n ₂
111	1-1-03	2-1-03	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	7	8

3. In appendix C to part 4022, Rate Set 111, as set forth below, is added to the table. (The introductory text of the table is omitted.)

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		Imme- diate an- nuity rate (percent)	Deferred annuities (percent)				
	On or after	Before		i ₁	i ₂	i ₃	n ₁	n ₂
111	1-1-03	2-1-03	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	7	8

PART 4044—ALLOCATION OF ASSETS IN SINGLE-EMPLOYER PLANS

Authority: 29 U.S.C. 1301(a), 1302(b)(3), 1341, 1344, 1362.

table. (The introductory text of the table is omitted.)

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

5. In appendix B to part 4044, a new entry, as set forth below, is added to the

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:							
	i _t	for t =	i _t	for t =	i _t	for t =	i _t	for t =
January 2003	.0530	1-20	.0525	>20	N/A		N/A	

Issued in Washington, DC, on this 6th day of December 2002.

Joseph H. Grant,

Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 300

[FRL-7420-3]

National Oil and Hazardous Substances Contingency Plan; National Priorities List Update

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of partial deletion of the West Virginia Ordnance Works Site from the National Priorities List.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region III announces the partial deletion of portions of the West Virginia Ordnance Works (WVOW) site from the National Priorities List (NPL). The NPL constitutes appendix B of 40 CFR part 300, which is the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Contingency Plan (NCP), which EPA promulgated pursuant to section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended. EPA and the State of West Virginia have determined that all appropriate responses under CERCLA have been implemented at the portions of the site being deleted from the NPL and that no further cleanup by responsible parties is appropriate. Moreover, EPA and the State of West Virginia have determined

that response actions conducted at the site to date remain protective of public health, welfare, and the environment.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 13, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comprehensive information on this release is available for viewing at the site information repositories at the following locations:

- Mason County Public Library, 508 Viand Street, Point Pleasant, WV 25550, (304) 675-0894; *Hours of Operation:* Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- U.S. EPA Region III Library, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029, (215) 814-5254; *Hours of Operation:* Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5p.m.
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, 502 8th Street, Huntington, WV 25701, (800) 822-8413 or (304) 529-5388; *Hours of Operation:* Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jack Potosnak, PE, Remedial Project Manager, U.S. EPA Region III (3HS13), 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029, (215) 814-3362.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The portions of the site to be deleted from the NPL are the OU-11 Sellite Plant, the OU-12 North and South Powerhouses and Vicinity, the ENV-6 Wetlands Mitigation area, ESI-3 Tract 21, the ESI-5 Refueling Depot, and the ESI-9 Main and Outgoing Classification Yards.

A Notice of Intent to Delete for this site was published October 22, 2002 (67 FR 64846). The closing date for comments on the Notice of Intent to Delete was November 21, 2002. EPA received no comments.

EPA identifies releases which appear to present a significant risk to public health, welfare, or the environment, and

it maintains the NPL as the list of those releases. Releases on the NPL may be the subject of remedial actions financed by the Hazardous Substance Superfund. Any release deleted from the NPL remains eligible for Fund-financed remedial actions in the unlikely event that conditions at the site warrant such action. Section 300.425(e)(3) of the NCP states that Fund-financed actions may be taken at sites deleted from the NPL. Deletion of a site from the NPL does not affect responsible party liability or impede agency efforts to recover costs associated with response efforts.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 300

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Hazardous substances, Hazardous waste, Intergovernmental relations, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Superfund.

Dated: December 2, 2002.

Donald S. Welsh,

Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III.

40 CFR part 300 is amended as follows:

PART 300—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 300 continues to read as follows:

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.

2. Table 2 of appendix B to part 300 is amended by revising the entry for WV, Ordnance Works (USARMY), Point Pleasant to read as follows:

Appendix B to Part 300—National Priorities List

St	Site name	City/County	Notes (a)
* WV	* West Virginia Ordnance (USARMY)	* Point Pleasant	* P

(a) P=Sites with partial deletion(s).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services

42 CFR Part 405

[CMS-1908-IFC]

RIN 0938-AJ97

Medicare Program; Application of Inherent Reasonableness to All Medicare Part B Services (Other Than Physician Services)

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Interim final rule.

SUMMARY: This interim final rule sets forth the process for establishing a realistic and equitable payment amount for all Medicare Part B services (other than physician services) when the existing payment amounts are inherently unreasonable because they are either grossly excessive or deficient. We also do not intend to apply this rule to services paid under a prospective payment system, such as outpatient hospital or home health. This rule describes the factors we (or our carrier)

will consider and the procedures we will follow in establishing realistic and equitable payment amounts. This rule also responds to the public comments we received on the interim final rule with comment period that described the factors we will follow in establishing realistic and equitable payment amounts. In addition, the rule responds to a General Accounting Office report (as required by section 223 of the Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999), and it implements sections 1842(b)(8) and (b)(9) of the Social Security Act as revised by section 4316 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

DATES: *Effective date:* These regulations are effective on February 11, 2003.

Comment date: Comments will be considered if we receive them at the appropriate address, as provided below, no later than 5 p.m. on February 11, 2003.

ADDRESSES: In commenting, please refer to file code CMS-1908-IFC. Because of staff and resource limitations, we cannot accept comments by facsimile (FAX) transmission or e-mail. Mail written comments (one original and three copies) to the following address only:

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: CMS-1908-IFC, P.O. Box 8017, Baltimore, MD 21244-8017.

Please allow sufficient time for mailed comments to be timely received in the event of delivery delays.

If you prefer, you may deliver (by hand or courier) your written comments (one original and three copies) to one of the following addresses:

Room 445-G, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201, or Room C5-14-03, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

(Because access to the interior of the HHH Building is not readily available to persons without Federal Government identification, commenters are encouraged to leave their comments in the CMS drop slots located in the main lobby of the building. A stamp-in clock is available for commenters wishing to retain a proof of filing by stamping in and retaining an extra copy of the comments being filed.)

Comments mailed to the addresses indicated as appropriate for hand or courier delivery may be delayed and could be considered late.

For information on viewing public comments, see the beginning of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Long, (410) 786-5655.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Inspection of Public Comments:* Comments received timely will be available for public inspection as they are received,