

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. The required interest rate is the "applicable percentage" (currently 100 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"). (Although the Treasury Department has ceased issuing 30-year securities, the Internal Revenue Service announces a surrogate yield figure each month—based on the 30-year Treasury bond maturing in February 2031—which the PBGC uses to determine the required interest rate.)

The required interest rate to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning in June 2002 is 5.65 percent.

The following table lists the required interest rates to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning between July 2001 and June 2002.

For premium payment years beginning in—	the required interest rate is—
July 2001	4.82
August 2001	4.77
September 2001	4.66
October 2001	4.66
November 2001	4.52
December 2001	4.35
January 2002	5.48
February 2002	5.45
March 2002	5.40
April 2002	5.71
May 2002	5.68
June 2002	5.65

Multiemployer Plan Valuations Following Mass Withdrawal

The PBGC's regulation on Duties of Plan Sponsor Following Mass Withdrawal (29 CFR part 4281) prescribes the use of interest assumptions under the PBGC's regulation on Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans (29 CFR part 4044). The interest assumptions applicable to valuation dates in July 2002 under part 4044 are contained in an amendment to part 4044 published elsewhere in today's **Federal Register**. Tables showing the assumptions

applicable to prior periods are codified in appendix B to 29 CFR part 4044.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

[SF 3102]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Reclearance of a Revised Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for reclearance of a revised information collection. SF 3102, Designation of Beneficiary—(FERS), is used by an employee or an annuitant covered under the Federal Employees Retirement System to designate a beneficiary to receive any lump sum due in the event of his/her death.

Approximately 2,037 SF 3102 forms are completed annually. Each form takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden is 509.25 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey at (202) 606-8358, FAX 202-418-3251 or via email at mbtoomey@opm.gov. Please include a mailing address with your request.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before July 15, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—

Lawrence P. Holman, Acting Chief, FERS Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 3313, Washington, DC 20415, and Joseph Lackey, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, NW, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION—CONTACT: Cyrus S. Benson, Team Leader, Desktop

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U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Kay Coles James,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Revised Information Collection: OPM Form 1203-AW, Occupational Questionnaire OPM Form 1203-AW, OPM Form 1203-FX, Occupational Questionnaire OPM Form 1203-FX, and OPM Form 1203-EZ, Occupational Questionnaire OPM Form 1203-EZ

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for review of a revised information collection for Occupational Questionnaire (OPM Forms 1203-AW, 1203-FX and 1203-EZ). The Occupational Questionnaire is an optical scan form designed to collect applicant information and qualifications in a format suitable for automated processing and to create applicant records for an automated examining system. Each version of this form contains a unique scan form identifier in the upper left-hand corner for the scanning equipment to recognize which version is being used. The 1203 series was commonly referred to as the Qualifications and Availability Form C. OPM has re-titled the series as Occupational Questionnaire, to fit a more generic need. OPM uses these forms to carry out its responsibility for open competitive examining for admission to the competitive service in accordance with section 3304, of title 5, United States Code.

OPM Form 1203-AW is a scan form that contains a unique control number pre-printed within the footer of the form that is scanned in along with the applicant's information. It is OPM's intention to phase out this version of the Occupational Questionnaire during fiscal year 2002. Applicants will be asked to use OPM Form 1203-FX or 1203-EZ in its place. OPM will