

## SUBJECT: Assurance Regarding Health Benefit Cost Factor

Financial Management Letter F-98-07 contained the cost factors you need to compute your 1998 cost for postretirement health benefits. The cost factor for 1998 is \$2,529 *per employee enrolled in the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program.* To provide assurance for your financial statement auditors regarding the 1998 cost factor, we offer the enclosure to this letter. Therein, the Program's independent auditor reports on their application of agreed-upon procedures to the development of the postretirement health benefits cost factor.

If you have any questions please contact us at 606-0606, or send us an email at finance@opm.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure (Please contact us at above for the enclosure)