

Status of May 30, 2008 Recommendations

The FASB has been gathering information to help make an informed decision about the PCFRC's recommendation to exempt private companies from the requirements of FIN 48. On August 28, 2008, a panel of private company financial statement users met at the FASB's offices to talk with some FASB members and staff about the unique needs of private company financial statement users. FIN 48 was specifically addressed. The PCFRC has informed the FASB of the need to act promptly on its May 30th recommendation letter inasmuch as the effective date of FIN 48 is approaching and private company financial reporting constituents will need to invest time, effort, and money to prepare for FIN 48's implementation. The FASB will be adding this topic to its agenda to make a decision shortly. On September 23, 2008, the PCFRC issued a letter to the FASB, asking them to decide quickly on whether or not it will honor the PCFRC's May 30th recommendation to exempt private companies from FIN 48. The letter went on to say that if exemption is not granted, the FASB should reconsider the disclosure requirements and should consider implementation guidance for pass-through entities.