# **Interpretation of the Emerging Accounting Issues Working Group**

# INT 03-18: Accounting for a Change in the Additional Minimum Liability in SSAP No. 8—Pensions (SSAP No. 8)

## **ISSUE NULLIFIED BY SSAP NO. 102**

#### **INT 03-18 Dates Discussed**

September 14, 2003; December 7, 2003

#### **INT 03-18 References**

SSAP No. 8—Pensions (SSAP No. 8)

#### **INT 03-18 Issue**

1. The combination of poor asset returns and low interest rates at the end of 2002 forced numerous insurers with defined benefit plans to

## **INT 03-18 Discussion**

4. The working group reached a consensus that additional minimum pension liability amounts previously expensed through income shall not be reversed through income in a subsequent period. Changes in accounting principle are reported as adjustments to unassigned funds (surplus) in accordance with SSAP No. 3—Accounting Changes and Corrections of Errors.

#### INT 03-18 Status

5. No further discussion is planned.