

**Comment #2 – 12/7/16 – 12:24 p.m.**

Here are my comments on the exposure draft of the proposed ASOP titled “Setting Assumptions.”

- The Task Force did a nice job addressing a somewhat amorphous topic. Well done!
- Regarding 3.1.3 c., I’m concerned that someone reading might interpret this broadly to say that it is not permissible for any other assumption or modeling feature to drive a result that’s higher or lower than anticipated with reference to the assumptions prescribed by law and a purely standard set of other assumptions and modeling technique. So, I would suggest this wording: “ensure that assumptions are not set for the *explicit* purpose of counteracting the effect of prescribed assumptions set by law;”

Again, nice work.

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