

Comments that provide the factual basis supporting the views and suggestions presented are particularly helpful in developing reasoned regulatory decisions on the proposal. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal.

Communications should identify the airspace docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address listed above. Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this notice must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made:

"Comments to Airspace Docket No. 96-ASO-5." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter. Send comments on environmental and land-use aspects to: Mr. Robert C. Makowski, 347th CES/CEVA, 3485 Georgia Street, Moody Air Force Base (AFB), GA 31699-1707. All communications received on or before the specified closing date for comments will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this notice may be changed in light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the Rules Docket both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

#### Availability of NPRM's

Any person may obtain a copy of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) by submitting a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Air Traffic Airspace Management, Attention: Airspace and Rules Division, ATA-400, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, or by calling (202) 267-8783.

Communications must identify the notice number of this NPRM. Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRM's should contact the Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Rulemaking, (202) 267-9677, to request a copy of Advisory Circular No. 11-2A, which describes the application procedure.

#### The Proposal

The FAA is proposing an amendment to part 73 of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR part 73) to amend the time of designation for R-3008A, R-3008B, R-3008C, and R-3008D from the current "0700-1900 local time, Monday-Friday; other times by NOTAM 6 hours in advance," to

"0700-2200 local time, Monday-Friday; other times by NOTAM 6 hours in advance." This proposal would expand, by 3 hours daily, the core hours during which these areas could be activated without prior issuance of a NOTAM. As proposed, a NOTAM would not be required for activation of these restricted areas between 1900 and 2200 local time. The using agency currently has the option of activating these areas at any time providing a NOTAM is issued for any use outside the core hours. A NOTAM would still be required for any usage outside the proposed amended times. The 347th Wing at Moody AFB, GA, has reorganized as a composite wing made up of F-16, A-10, and C-130 aircraft. As a result, the unit's night flying missions, which utilize R-3008, routinely extend past 1900 local time, but are normally terminated by 2200 local time. This requires the daily issuance of NOTAM's for activation of these areas between 1900 and 2200. Amendment of the time of designation, as proposed, would provide better notification to the flying public of expected routine times of use of these restricted areas, and lessen NOTAM system workload.

Section 73.30 of part 73 of the Federal Aviation Regulations was published in FAA Order 7400.8C dated June 29, 1995.

The FAA has determined that this proposed regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore—(1) Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

#### Environmental Review

This proposal will be subjected to an environmental analysis by the proponent and the FAA prior to any FAA final regulatory action.

#### List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 73

Airspace, Navigation (air).

#### The Proposed Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 73 as follows:

#### PART 73—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority. 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389; 14 CFR 11.69.

#### § 73.30 [Amended]

2. Section 73.30 is amended as follows:

R-3008A, R-3008B, R-3008C, and R-3008D, Grand Bay Weapons Range, GA [Amended]

By removing the words "Time of designation. 0700-1900 local time, Monday-Friday; other times by NOTAM 6 hours in advance." and inserting the words:

"Time of designation. 0700-2200 local time, Monday-Friday; other times by NOTAM 6 hours in advance."

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 22, 1996.

Reginald C. Matthews,

*Acting Program Director for Air Traffic Airspace Management.*

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#### 14 CFR Parts 91, 93, 121, and 135

#### Public Meeting on Special Flight Rules in the Vicinity of Grand Canyon National Park; Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Draft Environmental Assessment

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of two public meetings on the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM), Special Flight Rules in the Vicinity of Grand Canyon National Park, published in the Federal Register on July 31, 1996, and the corresponding draft environmental assessment (EA), the availability of which was announced on August 19, 1996. The purpose of these meetings is to provide an additional opportunity for the public to comment on the proposal and the draft assessment.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on September 16 and 17, and September 19 and 20. See Supplementary Information for details.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held in Scottsdale, AZ and Las Vegas, NV. See Supplementary Information for details. Persons unable to attend the

meetings may mail their comments on the NPRM in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Chief Counsel, Rules Docket (AGC-200), Docket No. 28537, 800 Independence Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20591. Written comments to the docket will receive the same consideration as statements made at the public meetings.

Comments on the draft EA should also be sent to the Rules Docket in triplicate, but to Docket No. 28653.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests to present a statement at the public meetings on the Grand Canyon NPRM or draft EA and questions regarding the logistics of the meetings should be directed to Linda Williams, Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-109), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-9685; fax (202) 267-5075.

Questions concerning the NPRM should be directed to Neil Saunders, Airspace and Rules Program, Airspace Management, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave., Washington, DC 20591. Telephone: (202) 267-9241.

Questions on the draft EA should be directed to William J. Marx, Division Manager, ATA-300, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-9367.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Meeting dates, locations, and times are as follows:

September 16 and 17—Scottsdale, AZ  
Arizona and Barcelona Rooms, 4th Floor, Embassy Suites, 5001 North Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85250, telephone: 1-800-528-1456 or (602) 949-1414

Registration: 8:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.  
Meeting: 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.; 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

September 19 and 20—Las Vegas, NV  
Cashman Field, Meeting Rooms 107 and 108, 850 Las Vegas Blvd. North (use parking lot B), Las Vegas, NV 89101

Registration: 8:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.  
Meeting 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.; 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Please note: The first day of the meetings (September 16 and 19) will address the NPRM; the second day of the meetings (September 17 and 20) will address the draft EA.

#### Background

The FAA will conduct two public meetings on the recently published Grand Canyon National Park proposed rule and draft environmental assessment. Comments from the public

at these meetings should be directed specifically to the proposed rule on the first day of each meeting and to the environmental assessment on the second day of each meeting.

The notice of proposed rulemaking was published in the Federal Register on July 31, 1996 [61 FR 40120]. The NPRM proposed to add new flight-free areas and corridors and proposed a number of options, including flight curfews and a moratorium or cap on flights allowed in the park. The NPRM also states that the FAA may adopt any combination of the options in a final rule.

The notice of availability for the draft environmental assessment was issued on August 19, 1996, and published in the Federal Register on August 21, 1996.

The closing date for comments on the proposal is September 30, 1996; the closing date for comments on the draft EA is October 4, 1996. In order to give the public an additional opportunity to comment on the proposed rule and the draft EA, the FAA is planning these public meetings. Because this additional opportunity to comment on the proposed rule and draft EA is provided, the FAA does not intend to extend the closing date for comments on the NPRM or draft EA.

Persons interested in obtaining a copy of the Grand Canyon proposed rule should contact Linda Williams at the address or telephone number provided in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. For a copy of the draft EA contact William Marx at the address or telephone number provided.

#### *Participation at the Public Meetings on the NPRM or Draft EA*

Requests from persons who wish to present oral statements at the public meetings on the Grand Canyon National Park proposal or draft assessment should be received by the FAA no later than September 10. Such requests should be submitted to Linda Williams as listed in the section titled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Requests received after September 10 will be scheduled if time is available during the meetings; however, the name of those individuals may not appear on the written agenda. The FAA will prepare an agenda of speakers that will be available at the meetings. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the amount of time allocated to each speaker may be less than the amount of time requested. Those persons desiring to have available audiovisual equipment should notify the FAA when requesting to be placed on the agenda.

#### *Public Meeting Procedures*

The following procedures are established to facilitate the public meetings on the NPRM and draft EA:

1. There will be no admission fee or other charge to attend or to participate in the public meetings. The meetings will be open to all persons who have requested in advance to present statements or who register on the day of the meeting (between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.) subject to availability of space in the meeting room.

2. The public meetings may adjourn early if scheduled speakers complete their statements in less time than currently is scheduled for the meeting.

3. The FAA will try to accommodate all speakers; therefore, it may be necessary to limit the time available for an individual or group.

4. Participants should address their comments to the panel. No individual will be subject to cross-examination by any other participant.

5. Sign and oral interpretation can be made available at the meetings, as well as an assistive listening device, if requested 10 calendar days before the meetings.

6. Representatives of the FAA will conduct the public meetings. A panel of FAA and National Park Service (NPS) personnel involved in this issue will be present.

7. The meetings will be recorded by a court reporter. A transcript of the meetings and any material accepted by the panel during the meetings will be included in the public docket (Docket No. 28537 for the NPRM and 28653 for the draft EA). Any person who is interested in purchasing a copy of the transcript should contact the court reporter directly. This information will be available at the meetings.

8. The FAA will review and consider all material presented by participants at the public meetings. Position papers or material presenting views or information related to the proposed NPRM or the draft EA may be accepted at the discretion of the presiding officer and subsequently placed in the public docket. The FAA requests that persons participating in the meetings provide 10 copies of all materials to be presented for distribution to the panel members; other copies may be provided to the audience at the discretion of the participant.

9. Statements made by members of the public meetings panel are intended to facilitate discussion of the issues or to clarify issues. Because the meetings concerning the Grand Canyon NPRM and draft EA are being held during the comment period, final decisions

concerning issues that the public may raise cannot be made at the meetings. FAA and NPS officials may, however, ask questions to clarify statements made by the public and to ensure a complete and accurate record. Comments made at these public meetings will be considered by the FAA and NPS when deliberations begin concerning whether to adopt any or all of the proposed rules.

10. The meetings are designed to solicit public views and more complete information on the proposed rule. Therefore, the meetings will be conducted in an informal and non-adversarial manner.

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Chris A. Christie,

*Director of Rulemaking.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

#### 29 CFR Part 1915

[Docket No. S-051]

RIN 1218-AB51

#### Safety Standards for Fire Protection for Shipyard Employment

**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), U.S. Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting; appointment of members to Advisory Committee; and notice of organizational meeting of Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is announcing that a meeting of all parties interested in the Fire Protection for Shipyard Employment Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee will be held to provide information, to promote an understanding of the negotiated rulemaking process, and to present the Committee members. Nominees for membership, who have been drawn from shipyard operators, labor, professional associations, and government agencies, have been selected to serve on the Committee. The nominees, along with their affiliations are listed in this notice. The members of the Committee will represent the interests of all groups interested in, or significantly affected by, the outcome of the rulemaking.

Immediately following the informational meeting, an organizational meeting of the advisory

committee will take place. The committee will be charged with its duties and will address certain procedural matters. These meetings will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The public meetings will be held on October 15, 16, and 17, 1996. The informational meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. on October 15, 1996, and the organizational meeting of the Committee will begin at 1:00 p.m. on October 15, 1996 and will run until approximately 5:00 p.m. The meetings October 16 and 17, 1996 will begin at 9:00 a.m. and run until approximately 5:00 p.m. each day.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meetings will be held at the Port of Portland Building, 700 N.E. Multnomah, 13th Floor, Room 13A, Portland, Oregon, 97208. Any written comments in response to this notice should be sent, in quadruplicate, to the following address: Docket Office, Docket S-051, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210; Telephone (202) 219-7894.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ann Cyr, Acting Director; OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Information and Consumer Affairs, Room N-3647, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210; Telephone: (202) 219-8151.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Fire protection in shipyard employment has been regulated by OSHA's general industry standards for fire protection, 29 CFR 1910.155 through 1910.165, Subpart L. In enforcement activities, OSHA has also used Section (5)(a)(1) of the Occupational Safety Health Act ("the Act"), the General Duty Clause, which requires each employer to, furnish to each of his employees employment and a place of employment which are free from recognized hazards causing or likely to cause death or serious physical harm.

The general industry standards, which address fire brigades, portable fire extinguishers, standpipe and hose systems, automatic sprinkler systems, fixed extinguishing systems, fire standpipe and hose systems, automatic sprinkler systems, fixed extinguishing systems, fire detection systems, and employee alarm systems, cover primarily landside shipyard operations. Fire hazards on board vessels are not covered by the general industry standards. Moreover, the general industry standards are in need of review and revision and do not completely address hazards that are unique to shipyard employment. The Agency believes a standard promulgated under

§ 6(b) of the Act will more effectively reduce the risks of fire in the shipyard and on board vessels.

OSHA has decided to use the negotiated rulemaking (Neg/Reg) process to develop a proposed standard for fire protection covering all shipyard employment. The most important reason for using Neg/Reg is that the shipyard stakeholders from all sectors strongly support consensual rulemaking efforts like negotiated rulemaking. OSHA believes this process will result in a proposed standard whose provisions will effectively protect employees working throughout the shipyard. (See OSHA's Notice of Intent to Form a Negotiated Rulemaking Committee to Develop a Proposed Rule on Fire Protection in Shipyard Employment, 61 FR 28824, June 6, 1996, for a detailed explanation of why OSHA is using negotiated rulemaking to develop its proposed standard and for general information on the negotiated rulemaking process).

##### II. Some Key Issues for Negotiation

OSHA expects that key issues to be addressed as part of these negotiations will include:

1. *Scope and Application.* Should Subpart P apply to all shipyard employment? How will the standard affect out-of-yard/plant firefighters such as those employed by a municipal fire department?

2. *Controls and Work Practices.* What controls and work practices will provide adequate protection for employees? Should OSHA require hot work permits? Should OSHA require training for all fire fighters? Should OSHA incorporate U.S. Coast Guard regulations in this standard? Is there any difference in controls and work practices on landside vs. onboard vessels and vessel sections? Should OSHA require the employer to secure (deactivate) all fire fighting systems onboard vessels when they arrive in the yard?

3. *Fire Brigades.* Should OSHA require each shipyard to have an in-yard/plant fire brigade?

4. *Written Fire Plans.* Should OSHA require written fire plans for landside and onboard vessels? If so, what provisions need to be included in the plans? Should OSHA include a requirement for de-watering (removal of firefighting water from the vessel) of vessels when fighting a fire on board a vessel?

5. *Technological Advances.* What advances in fire technology have occurred since OSHA's general industry standards were promulgated? Which of