

*Petitioner:* Boeing Commercial Airplane Group

*Sections of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 25.561, 25.562, 25.785(b)

*Description of Relief Sought/*

*Disposition:* To allow petitioner to obtain certification of medical stretchers for transport of persons whose medical condition dictates such accommodation. The exemption is for Boeing Model 777 series airplanes. Grant, May 28, 1997, Exemption No. 6598

*Docket No.:* 28849

*Petitioner:* Era Aviation, Inc.

*Sections of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 121.631(c)

*Description of Relief Sought/*

*Disposition:*

1. To allow petitioner when conducting operations from its Bethel, Alaska base of operations, to make a change to its original dispatch release while the aircraft is en route without meeting the appropriate requirements of 121.593 through 121.661 at the time of the redispach. This exemption applies only to operations conducted entirely within Alaska. Grant, March 19, 1997, Exemption No. 6595

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-97-23]

#### Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received; Dispositions of Petitions Issued

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

**ACTION:** Notice of petitions for exemption received and of dispositions of prior petitions.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption (14 CFR Part 11), this notice contains a summary of certain petitions seeking relief from specified requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Chapter I), dispositions of certain petitions previously received, and corrections. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

**DATES:** Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket

number involved and must be received on or before May 8, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on any petition in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Chief Counsel, Attn.: Rule Docket (AGC-200), Petition Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

Comments may also be sent electronically to the following internet address: 9-NPRM-CMNTS@faa.dot.gov.

The petition, any comments received, and a copy of any final disposition are filed in the assigned regulatory docket and are available for examination in the Rules Docket (AGC-200), Room 915G, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB 10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-3132.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Fred Haynes (202) 267-3939 or Angela Anderson (202) 267-9681 Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

This notice is published pursuant to paragraphs (c), (e), and (g) of § 11.27 of Part 11 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 11).

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 14, 1997.

**Donald P. Byrne,**

*Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.*

#### Petitions for Exemption

*Docket No.:* 28797

*Petitioner:* Air Tractor, Inc.

*Sections of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 36.1(a)(2)

*Description of Relief Sought:* To permit petitioner to operate its AT-602, AT-802, and AT-802A restricted category aircraft for oil spill eradication without complying with the noise requirements of part 36.

*Docket No.:* 28835

*Petitioner:* Southwest Airlines Co.

*Sections of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 43.3

*Description of Relief Sought:* To permit petitioner's ramp supervisors employed by Southwest to check aircraft brake temperatures upon arrival of that aircraft.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting on Noise Certification Issues

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of the Federal Aviation Administration Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to discuss noise certification issues.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on May 14 at 2:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the General Aviation Manufacturers Association, 1400 K Street NW, Washington, DC.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. Angela O. Anderson, (202) 267-9681, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-200), 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. II), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) to discuss noise certification issues. This meeting will be held May 14, 1997, at 2:00 p.m., at the General Aviation Manufacturers Association. The agenda for this meeting will include progress reports from the FAR/JAR Harmonization Working Group for Propeller-Driven Small Airplanes and the FAR/JAR Harmonization Working Group for Helicopters. It will also include the presentation of a concept paper from the FAR/JAR Harmonization Working Group for Subsonic Transport Airplanes.

Attendance is open to the interested public but may be limited to the space available. The public must make arrangements in advance to present oral statements at the meeting or may present statements to the committee at any time. In addition, sign and oral interpretation can be made available at the meeting, as well as an assistive listening device, if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting. Arrangements may be made by contacting the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 15, 1997.

**Paul Dykeman,**

*Assistant Executive Director for Noise Certification Issues, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### **Environmental Impact Statement: Replacement or Retrofit of the East Span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, San Francisco and Alameda Counties, CA**

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Alameda and San Francisco Counties, California.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

John R. Schultz, Chief, District Operations-North, Federal Highway Administration, California Division, 980 Ninth Street, Suite 400, Sacramento, California 95814-2724.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to address seismic deficiencies in the existing East Span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, Interstate 80, by replacing or retrofitting the East Span from the bridge toll plaza to Yerba Buena Island.

Within the limits of the study for this project, various environmental resources and issues are known to exist and include but are not limited to: seismicity, tidal floodplain, water quality, wetlands, wildlife habitat, endangered species, navigation, historic resources, archaeological resources, noise, land use planning, and hazardous materials.

The EIS will address the impacts of retrofitting the existing structure, constructing a new structure and removing the existing structure.

Letters describing this proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies and to private organizations and individuals that have previously expressed, or are known to have, an interest in this proposal. In addition, public meetings will be held.

Public Notice will be given of the exact time and place of the meetings.

To ensure that the full range of issues and alternatives related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to FHWA at the address provided above. The views of agencies having knowledge of or interest in the potential effects of the proposal on the environmental resources listed above are solicited.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program)

Issued on: April 10, 1997.

**G.P. Wong,**

*Senior Transportation Engineer, Sacramento, California.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### **Maglev Study Advisory Committee; Notice of Fifth Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of fifth meeting of the Maglev study advisory committee.

**SUMMARY:** As required by Section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (1988) and 41 CFR Part 101-6, section 101-6, 1015(a), the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) gives notice of the fifth meeting of the Maglev Study Advisory Committee ("MSAC"). The purpose of the meeting is to advise DOT/FRA on the Congressionally mandated study of the near-term applications of maglev technology in the United States.

**DATES:** The fifth meeting of the MSAC is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. PST on Monday May 5, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The fifth meeting of the MSAC will be held in conjunction with the 1997 High Speed Ground Transportation Association Convention at Bally's Casino Resort at 3645 Las Vegas Boulevard South in Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis and is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Those with special needs

should inform Mr. Mongini 5 days in advance of the meeting so appropriate facilities can be provided.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Arrigo Mongini, Deputy Associate Administrator for Railroad Development, FRA RDV-2, 400 Seventh Street S.W., Washington D.C. 20590 (mailing address only) or by telephone at (202) 632-3286.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The fifth meeting of the Maglev Study Advisory Committee (MSAC) will be held on May 5, 1997 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. PST at Bally's Casino Resort at 3645 Las Vegas Boulevard South in Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting is open to the public.

The MSAC was created by the National Highway System Designation Act to advise the Secretary of Transportation in the preparation of a report to be submitted by the Secretary to the Congress evaluating the near term applications of magnetic levitation transportation technology in the U.S. "with particular emphasis on identifying projects warranting immediate application of such technology." The Act further specifies that the study also "evaluate the use of innovative finance techniques for the construction and operation of such projects." The eight committee members collectively have experience in magnetic levitation transportation, design and construction, public and private finance, and infrastructure policy disciplines. The conference report on the National Highway System Designation Act specifies that "[t]he Committee should identify and analyze specific magnetic levitation projects, such as a connector from New York City to its airports, the transportation project under development between Baltimore, Maryland and Washington, DC, and technology transfer efforts underway in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, so that Congress can better assess how near-term magnetic levitation technology could complement existing modes of transportation \* \* \*." The Secretary has assigned responsibility for preparing the report to the Federal Railroad Administrator, working closely with the MSAC. The Secretary's report to the Congress will discuss the extent to which the above and other potential magnetic levitation projects warrant immediate application, taking into account such factors as ability to be financed, benefits vs costs, extent of public commitment and support, and national significance.

This meeting will focus on reviewing the draft of the final report to the Secretary of Transportation and