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Eric Bries,

Acting Manager, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Advisory Circular 20-2B, Certification of Transport Category Rotorcraft

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of issuance and availability.

SUMMARY: Advisory Circular (AC) 29-2B, Certification of Transport Category Rotorcraft, is a total revision of AC 29-2A dated September 16, 1987, with changes 1, 2, and 3, dated April 24, 1989, September 24, 1991, and June 1, 1995, respectively, incorporated. In addition, new material plus changes to existing paragraphs have been incorporated to bring the AC up-to-date with various rule changes to 14 CFR Part 29. As part of the FAA effort to achieve national standardization in rotorcraft certification, the AC serves as a ready reference for manufacturers, modifiers, FAA design evaluation engineers, flight test engineers, and engineering flight test pilots and has been harmonized with the Joint Aviation Authority (JAA) to establish common guidance for the U.S. and for JAA member nations. The AC material has no legally binding status and must be treated as advisory only.

DATES: AC 29-2B was issued by the Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, on July 30, 1997.

How to Order: A copy of AC 29-2B may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, Mail Stop: SSOP, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402, or from any of the Government Printing Offices located in major cities throughout the United States. Identify the publication as AC 29-2B, Certification of Transport

Category Rotorcraft, Stock Number 050-007-01187-3. The cost is \$63.00 per copy for orders mailed within the U.S. and \$78.75 for orders mailed outside of the U.S. Send a check or money order, made payable to Superintendent of Documents, with your request. Requests may also be made by calling the Government Printing Office at 202-512-1800. No c.o.d. orders are accepted.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Notice No. 97-12]

Information Collection Activities

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, RSPA invites comments on certain information collections pertaining to hazardous materials transportation for which RSPA intends to request renewal from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Address written comments to the Dockets Unit (DHM-30), Room 8421, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St., SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to: rules@rspa.dot.gov, or faxed to (202) 366-3753. Comments should identify the Notice number (97-12) and the appropriate Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number(s). Mailed written comments should be submitted in two copies. Persons wishing to receive confirmation of receipt of their mailed written comments should include a self-addressed, stamped postcard showing the Notice number. Public information

may be reviewed between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Requests for a copy of an information collection should be directed to Deborah Boothe, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards (DHM-10), Research and Special Programs Administration, Room 8102, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001, Telephone (202) 366-8553.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1320.8 (d), Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations requires that RSPA provide interested members of the public and affected agencies an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping requests. This notice identifies information collections that RSPA is submitting to OMB for renewal and extension. These collections are contained in the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR parts 171-180). RSPA has revised burden estimates, where appropriate, to reflect current reporting levels or adjustments based on changes in proposed or final rules published since the information collections were last approved. The following information is provided for each information collection: (1) Title of the information collection, including former title if a change is being made; (2) OMB control number; (3) summary of the information collection activity; (4) description of affected public; (5) estimate of total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden; and (6) frequency of collection. RSPA will request a three-year term of approval for each information collection activity and, when approved by OMB, publish notice of the approval in the **Federal Register**.

RSPA requests comments on the following information collections:

Title: Hazardous Materials Shipping Papers and Emergency Response Information (Former Title: Hazardous Materials Shipping Papers).

OMB Control Number: 2137-0034.

Summary: Shipping papers and emergency response information are a basic communication tool used in the safe transportation of hazardous materials. They serve as a principal means of identifying hazardous materials during transportation, including emergencies, by providing the proper shipping name, hazard class, UN identification number, packing group, and quantity of each hazardous material

being transported. Shipping papers also provide emergency response information for use in the mitigation of an incident, and an emergency response telephone number for use in the event of an emergency. The telephone number must be monitored at all times the hazardous material is in transportation, by a person who is either knowledgeable of the hazardous material being shipped and has comprehensive emergency response and incident mitigation information for that material, or has immediate access to a person who possesses such knowledge and information. Shipping papers also serve as a means of notifying transport workers that hazardous materials are present, so that the proper loading, unloading, handling and safety procedures may be followed. This information collection renewal includes new requirements for: shippers and carriers to retain shipping papers for one year as mandated by Section 5110(e) under the Federal hazardous material transportation law; compliance with the HMR by intrastate shippers and carriers, published under Docket HM-200, "Hazardous Materials in Intrastate Commerce; Final Rule", on January 8, 1997 (62 FR 1108); and the President's initiative to reduce the regulatory burdens imposed by the Federal government.

Affected Public: Shippers and carriers of hazardous materials in intrastate, interstate, and foreign commerce.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping:

Number of Respondents: 250,000.

Total Annual Responses: 260,000,000.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,500,000.

Frequency of collection: On occasion.

Title: Radioactive Materials

(RAM)Transportation Requirements.

OMB Control Number: 2137-0510.

Summary: The requirements for transportation of RAM are provided in 49 CFR parts 171-180. Information collection requirements for RAM include shipper notification to consignees of the dates of shipment of RAM, expected arrival, special loading/unloading instructions; verification that

shippers using foreign-made packages hold a foreign competent authority certificate and verification that the terms of the certificate are being followed for RAM shipments being made into this country; and specific handling instructions from shippers to carriers for fissile RAM, bulk shipments of low specific activity RAM and packages of RAM which emit high levels of external radiation. These information collection requirements help to establish that proper packages are used for the type of radioactive material being transported, external radiation levels do not exceed prescribed limits, packages are handled appropriately and delivered in a timely manner, so as to ensure the safety of the general public, transport workers and emergency responders. This information collection has been adjusted to reflect program changes regarding responsibility for the routing of highway controlled quantities of radioactive materials.

Affected Public: Shippers and carriers of radioactive materials.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping:

Number of Respondents: 3,807.

Total Annual Responses: 21,319.2.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 14,480.

Frequency of collection: On occasion.

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Edward T. Mazzullo,

Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

[AC-35: OTS No. 00770]

First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Cheraw, Cheraw, South Carolina, Approval of Conversion Application

Notice is hereby given that on November 12, 1997, the Director,

Corporate Activities, Office of Thrift Supervision, or her designee, acting pursuant to delegated authority, approved the application of First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Cheraw, Cheraw, South Carolina, to convert to the stock form of organization. Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Dissemination Branch, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20552, and the Southeast Regional Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1475 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30309.

Dated: November 14, 1997.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

Nadine Y. Washington,

Corporate Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Gulf War Expert Scientific Advisory Committee, Notice of Charter Renewal

This gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App.), that the Department of Veterans Affairs' Gulf War Expert Scientific Advisory Committee (formerly named Persian Gulf Expert Scientific Committee) has been renewed for a 2-year period beginning November 10, 1997, through November 10, 1999.

Dated: November 12, 1997.

By Direction of the Acting Secretary.

Heyward Bannister,

Committee Management Officer.

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