

Department of Transportation, 202-366-9329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Agenda of Meeting

National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee (NOSAC). The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Introduction and swearing-in of new members.
- (2) Progress report from the Prevention Through People Subcommittee.
- (3) Progress report from the Subcommittee on Pipeline-Free Anchorages for Mobile Offshore Drilling Units, Liftboats and Vessels.
- (4) Status report on revision of 33 CFR Subchapter "N", Outer Continental Shelf Regulations.
- (5) Report on the new regulations for large offshore supply vessels and crewboats, (supplementary 46 CFR Subchapter "L").
- (6) Report on issues concerning the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the International Organization of Standardization (ISO).
- (7) Status report from Incident Reporting Subcommittee.
- (8) Report from Platform/Ship collision Avoidance subcommittee.
- (9) MODUs—U.S. Flag to Foreign Flag Movement.
- (10) Jackup MODUs—Inclining Test and Dead-weight Survey issues due to modifications.

Procedural

The meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished. At the Chair's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting. If you would like to make an oral presentation at the meeting, please notify the Executive Director no later than October 29, 1998. Written material for distribution at the meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than October 29, 1998. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee in advance of the meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than October 22, 1998.

Information on Services of Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: September 24, 1998.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-1998-3350]

Public Workshops for Response Plan Equipment Caps: Scheduled Increases in Mechanical Recovery and Potential Changes to Dispersant Planning Requirements

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice: Closure of comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice establishes the closure date of October 30, 1998 for Docket USCG-1998-3350. The Coast Guard published a notice in the **Federal Register** on June 24, 1998. That notice announced three public workshops to solicit comments on potential changes to the equipment requirements within the response plan regulations for mechanical recovery, dispersants, and other oil spill removal technologies. However, the Coast Guard omitted a closure date for the submission of comments to the docket.

DATES: Comments must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before October 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to the Docket Management Facility, (USCG-98-3350), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001, or deliver them to room PL-401, located on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building at the same address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329. The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. Comments, and documents as indicated in this preamble will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the above address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also access the public docket on the internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this notice, please contact Lieutenant Commander John Caplis, Plans and Preparedness Division, Office of Response, telephone 202-267-6922,

fax 202-267-4065, or at email address jcaplis@comdt.uscg.mil. For questions on this docket, contact Dorothy Walker, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-9329.

Dated: September 28, 1998.

Joseph Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Proposed Advisory Circular (AC) 25.1419-1X, Certification of Transport Category Airplanes for Flight in Icing Conditions

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed advisory circular.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration invites public comment on a proposed Advisory Circular (AC) which provides guidance for certification of airframe ice protection systems on transport category airplanes.

DATES: December 4, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on the proposed AC to: Kathi Ishimaru, Propulsion/Mechanical Systems/Crashworthiness Branch, ANM-112, FAA Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, 1601 Lind Ave SW., Renton, WA 98055-4056.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katherine Burks, Regulations Branch, ANM-114, FAA Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, 1601 Lind Ave SW., Renton, WA 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-2114.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

A copy of the subject AC may be obtained by contacting the person named above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed AC by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Commenters must identify the title of the AC and submit comments in duplicate to the address specified above. All comments on or before the closing date for comments will be considered by the Transport Airplane Directorate before issuing the final AC.

Discussion

If certification for flight in icing conditions is desired, an applicant must demonstrate that the airplane can safely operate through the icing envelope of 14 CFR part 25, Appendix C. Sections 25.1419 sets forth the specific airframe requirements for demonstrating compliance with the icing conditions defined in Appendix C. To provide guidance to applicants seeking approval of the installation and operation of ice protections systems in the icing environment, the FAA has developed guidance material in the form of a draft advisory circular (AC 25.1419-1X). While the primary focus of this draft AC pertains to the certification of airframe ice protection systems on transport category, it also supplements similar guidance provided in other AC's concerning icing requirements for other parts of the airplane (i.e., engine, engine inlet, propeller). Examples of the type of guidance provided in this AC include:

1. Development of a certification plan.
2. Analyses (e.g., flutter, similarity, failure, etc.) to substantiate decisions involving the application of selected ice protection equipment, including areas and components to be protected.
3. Dry air ground tests.
4. Flight test planning.
5. Compliance tests, including dry air flight tests with ice protection equipment installed and with predicted artificial ice shapes installed, as well as flight tests in both natural icing and simulated icing conditions.
6. Placards necessary for safe operation of the airplane in an icing environment.
7. Airplane Flight Manual pilot information needed to operate the ice protection system.

The guidance provided in this AC is applicable to new Type Certificates (TC's) Supplemental Type Certificates (STC's), and amendments to existing TC's for airplanes certified under part 4b of the Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) and part 25, for which approval under the provisions of § 25.1419 is desired.

John J. Hickey,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, ANM-100.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[FAA Docket No. 29303]

Federal Aviation Administration; Policy Regarding Airport Rates and Charges, Request for Comments

AGENCY: United States Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary, and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

ACTION: Notice extending comment period.

SUMMARY: On Wednesday, August 12, 1998, the Department of Transportation opened a public docket to receive information and comments from interested parties on the replacement provisions of the Department of Transportation's Policy Regarding Airport Rates and Charges (Policy Statement) issued June 21, 1996, and vacated in part by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. The notice provided for comments to be submitted by October 13, 1998. Reply comments were to be submitted on or before October 26, 1998. By this notice, the Department is extending the time period for public comment from October 13, 1998, until December 30, 1998. The due date for reply comments is extended to February 1, 1999.

DATES: Comments should be received by December 30, 1998. Reply comments will be accepted and must be submitted on or before February 1, 1999. Comments that are received after that date will be considered only to the extent possible.

ADDRESSES: Comment on this notice must be delivered or mailed, in quadruplicate, to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Chief Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket (AGC-10), Docket No. 29303, 800 Independence Ave, SW, Room 915G, Washington, DC 20591. All comments must be marked "Docket No. 29303." Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments must include a preaddressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket No. 29303. The postcard will be date stamped and mailed to the commenter. Comments on this Notice may be delivered or examined in room 915G on weekdays, except on Federal holidays between 8:30 am and 5:00 p.m."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Barry Molar, Manager (AAS-400), (202) 267-3187; or Mr. Wayne Heibeck, Compliance Specialist (AAS-400), (202)

267-8726, Airport Compliance Division, Office of Airport Safety and Standards, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department recently published an advance notice of proposed policy on airport rates and charges requesting public comments (63 FR 43228, August 12, 1998). In that request, we asked parties to provide us with suggestions for replacement provisions for the portions of the Department of Transportation's Policy Regarding Airport Rates and Charges (Policy Statement) issued June 21, 1996, that were vacated by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Based on a September 4, petition of the Air Transport Association of America (ATA), as well as a September 10 petition jointly filed by the Airports Council International—North America (ACI-NA) and the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE), we are now convinced that the public interest would be served by extending the comment period.

The ATA petitioned pursuant to the Department's Rulemaking Procedures (49 CFR 5.25(a)) to extend the comment period by at least 120 days, to December 14, 1998, on the grounds that it needs time to prepare and conduct an extensive survey of its member airlines, organize and analyze the data collected, and draft comments for approval by its members in response to the complex issues we raised in this and DOT's separate Request for Public Comment on Competitive Issues Affecting the Domestic Airline Industry, Docket No. OST 98-4025. By a notice in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 45894) on August 27, 1998, the Department extended the comment period in that proceeding until December 30, 1998. The ATA stated that, since its member airlines serve, either directly or through code-share relationship, about 95 percent of the more than 400 domestic commercial service airports, it has a substantive interest in this proceeding.

In a September 10 filing, ACI-NA and AAAE said that our October 13 deadline would not allow it adequate time to compile, verify and analyze pertinent information from airport operators and then prepare well-reasoned responses to the complex legal, economic, and policy questions identified in this and DOT's separate Request for Public Comment on Competitive Issues Affecting the Domestic Airline Industry, Docket No. OST 98-4025. ACI-NA stated that, since its members are airport sponsors serve