

change is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0609. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Amex. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Amex-00-06 and should be submitted by April 26, 2000.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁹

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Minority Business Resource Center Advisory Committee; Cancellation of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the cancellation of the Minority Business Resource Center Advisory Committee meeting for Tuesday, April 18, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in Room 4438-4440 at the Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. (Originally announced at Vol. 65, No. 53, FR 14640, March 17, 2000.)

Issued in Washington, DC on March 27, 2000.

Luz A. Hopewell,

Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[CGD08-00-002]

Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee (LMRWSAC) will meet to discuss various issues relating to navigational safety on the Lower Mississippi River and related waterways. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: LMRWSAC will meet on Wednesday, April 26, 2000, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. This meeting may close early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before April 17, 2000. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee should reach the Coast Guard on or before April 17, 2000.

ADDRESSES: LMRWSAC will meet in the basement conference room of the Hale Boggs Federal Building, 501 Magazine Street, New Orleans, LA. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to M.M. Ledet, Committee Administrator, c/o Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District (m), 501 Magazine Street, New Orleans, LA 70130-3396. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this notice, contact M.M. Ledet, Committee Administrator, telephone (504) 589-6271, Fax (504) 589-4999.

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

Agenda of Meeting

Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee (LMRWSAC). The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Introduction of committee members.
- (2) Remarks by RADM P. Pluta, Committee Sponsor.
- (3) Approval of the September 8, 1999 minutes.
- (4) Old Business:
 - a. PAWSS update.
 - b. Soft Dikes Working Group Report.
- (5) New Business: Physical Oceanographic Real-Time System (PORTS).
- (6) Next meeting.

(7) Adjournment.

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 Committee Administrator no later than April 17, 2000. Written material for distribution at the meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than April 17, 2000. 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 28 copies to the Committee Administrator at the location indicated under Addresses no later than April 17, 2000.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Committee Administrator at the location indicated under Addresses as soon as possible.

Dated: March 13, 2000.

K.J. Eldridge,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Commander, 8th Coast Guard Dist.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Rotorcraft Issues—New Task

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of new task assignments for the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC)

SUMMARY: Notice is given of two new tasks assigned to and accepted by the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC). This notice informs the public of the activities of ARAC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Shilling, Rotorcraft Standards Staff (ASW-119), Federal Aviation Administration, 2601 Meacham Blvd, Fort Worth, Texas 76137-4298; phone (817) 222-5110; fax (817) 222-5961 email Mark.R.Schilling@faa.gov.

⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The FAA has established an Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to provide advice and recommendations to the FAA Administrator, through the Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification, on the full range of the FAA's rulemaking activities with respect to aviation-related issues. This includes obtaining advice and recommendations on the FAA's commitment to harmonize the Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) and practices with its trading partners in Europe and Canada.

The Task

This notice is to inform the public that the FAA has asked ARAC to provide advice and recommendations on the following harmonization tasks:

Task No. 1: Damage Tolerance and Fatigue Evaluation of Metallic Rotorcraft Structure

- The project is to be a harmonized Joint Aviation Regulation (JAR)/FAR 27/29 ARAC program.
- Evaluate: the European Association of Aerospace Industries and the Aerospace Industry Association's White Paper, the recommendations contained in the Technical Oversight Group for Aging Aircraft letters to the FAA, and the ongoing activities and results of rotorcraft damage tolerance research and development.
- Identify the information needed to commence rulemaking and define an acceptable means of compliance.
- Recommend appropriate changes to FAR/JAR 29 regarding damage tolerance and fatigue evaluation of metallic structure, and recommend appropriate changes to FAR/JAR 27 that would allow damage tolerance as an option. Any recommended changes should be practical and appropriate to the unique characteristics of rotorcraft. Where feasible and appropriate, provide consistency with FAR/JAR 23/25.
- Evaluate and revise, as appropriate, the following advisory materials: AC 29-2; AC 27-1; and AC 20-95, Fatigue Evaluation of Rotorcraft Structure; and related guidance.
- The recommendation should be forwarded to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Joint Aviation Authorities (JAA) in the format of a proposed rule.

Although this tasking for metallic structure does not depend on the completion of the composite structure project, the Composite Rotorcraft Structure and Metallic Rotorcraft Structure working groups should

communicate to avoid possibly conflicting recommendation to amend the same regulatory sections.

The FAA requests that ARAC draft appropriate regulatory documents with supporting economic and other required analyses, and any other related guidance material or collateral documents to support its recommendations. If the recommendation results in one or more notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) published by the FAA, the FAA may ask ARAC to dispose of any substantive comments the FAA receives.

A progress report should be provided at each Joint Harmonization Working Group meeting. The recommendation should be forwarded to the FAA and the FAA by September 2002.

Task No. 2: Damage Tolerance and Fatigue Evaluation of Composite Rotorcraft Structure

- The project is to be a harmonized FAR/JAR 29/29 ARAC program.
- Revise current FAR/JAR 27 and 29 to add regulations for composite structure. Consider creating a new FAR/FAR 27/29.573 to address composite structure.
- Evaluate and revise, as appropriate, the regulations and the following advisory materials: AC 20-107A, Composite Aircraft Structure; AC 27-1; AC 29-2; and related guidance to achieve the goal of improved tolerance to flaws and defects in composite structure with methodology and procedures which are practical and appropriate to rotorcraft. Where feasible and appropriate, provide consistency with FAR/JAR 23/25.
- The recommendation should be forwarded to the FAA and JAA in the format of a proposed rule.

Although this tasking for composite structure does not depend on the completion of the metallic structure project, the Composite Rotorcraft Structure and Metallic Rotorcraft Structure working groups should communicate to avoid possibly conflicting recommendations to amend the same regulatory sections.

The FAA requests that ARAC draft appropriate regulatory documents with supporting economic and other required analyses, and any other related guidance material or collateral documents to support its recommendations. If the recommendation results in one or more NPRM's published by the FAA, the FAA may ask ARAC to dispose of any substantive comments the FAA receives.

A progress report should be provided at each Joint Harmonization Working Group meeting. The recommendation should be forwarded to the FAA and JAA by November 2002.

ARAC Acceptance of Task

ARAC has accepted the tasks and has chosen to establish two new working groups, the Composite Rotorcraft Structure working group and the Metallic Rotorcraft Structure working group. The working groups will serve as staff to ARAC to assist ARAC in the completion of the assigned tasks. Working group recommendations must be reviewed and approved by ARAC. If ARAC accepted the working groups' recommendations, ARAC will forward them to the FAA as recommendations.

Working Group Activity

The Composite Rotorcraft Structure working group and the Metallic Rotorcraft Structure working group is expected to comply with the procedures adopted by ARAC. As part of the procedures, the working groups are expected to:

1. Recommend a work plan for completion of the task, including the rationale supporting such a plan, for consideration at the Rotorcraft Issues ARAC meeting held following publication of this notice.
2. Given a detailed conceptual presentation of the proposed recommendations prior to proceeding with the work stated in item 3 below.
3. Draft appropriate regulatory documents with supporting economic and other required analyses, and/or any other related guidance material or collateral documents the working group determines to be appropriate; or, if new or revised requirements or compliance methods are not recommended, a draft report stating the rationale for not making such recommendations.
4. Provide a status report at each meeting of ARAC held to consider rotorcraft issues.

Participation in the Working Group

The Composite Rotorcraft Structure working group and the Metallic Rotorcraft Structure working group will be composed of technical experts having an interest in the assigned tasks. A working group member need not be a representative of a member of the full committee.

An individual who has expertise in the subject matter and wishes to become a member of the working group should write to the person listed under the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** expressing that desire, describing his or her interest in the task, and stating the expertise he or she would bring to the working group. All requests to participate must be received no later than April 10, 2000. The requests will be reviewed by the

assistant chair and the assistant executive director, and the individuals will be advised whether or not the request can be accommodated.

Individuals chosen for membership on the working group will be expected to represent their aviation community segment and participate actively in the working group (e.g., attend all meetings, provide written comments when requested to do so, etc.). They also will be expected to devote the resources necessary to ensure the working group meets any assigned deadline(s). Members are expected to keep their management chain advised of working group activities and decisions to ensure that the agreed technical solutions do not conflict with their sponsoring organization's position when the subject is presented to ARAC for a vote.

Once the working group has begun deliberations, members will not be added or substituted without the approval of the assistant chair, the assistant executive director, and the working group chair.

The Secretary of Transportation has determined that the formation and use of ARAC are necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the FAA by law.

Meetings of ARAC will be open to the public. Meetings of the working groups will not be open to the public, except to the extent that individuals with an interest and expertise are selected to participate. No public announcement of working group meetings will be made.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 28, 2000.

Anthony F. Fazio,

Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement; Piedmont Triad International Airport, Greensboro, NC

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will file with the Environmental Protection Agency, and make available to other government and interested private parties, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

for the proposed Runway 5L/23R, a proposed air cargo sorting and distribution facility (FedEx Mid Atlantic Hub), and associated development at Piedmont Triad International Airport, Greensboro, North Carolina. The DEIS will be on file with the EPA and available to the public for review starting April 6, 2000, after 1 p.m. at locations listed under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. A Public Hearing and Information Workshop will be held on May 23, 2000; between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the Greensboro Coliseum Exhibit Hall, 1921 W. Lee Street, Greensboro, North Carolina. Written comments on the DEIS will be accepted by the FAA until June 7, 2000, or 45 days after the publication of this Federal Register Notice, whichever is later.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Donna M. Meyer, Environmental Program Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Atlanta Airports District Office, 1701 Columbia Avenue, Suite 2-260, College Park, Georgia 30337-2747, Phone (404) 305-7150.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Piedmont Triad Airport Authority (PTAA), owner and operator of the airport is proposing airside and landside improvements to the Piedmont Triad International Airport. The PTAA's proposed project consists of a new widely spaced Transport Category parallel runway (Runway 5L/23R) that would be 9,000 feet long and 150 feet wide. The runway would be located on the western side of the airport. Other associated projects include the development and operation of an air cargo sorting and distribution facility (FedEx Mid-Atlantic Hub), surface transportation improvements, NAVAIDS for new Runway 5L/23R, property acquisition and relocation of several airport tenant operations. The DEIS has examined the sponsor's proposed project and improvements along with other reasonable alternatives to the proposed project. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is acting as a cooperating agency to the FAA in this DEIS.

A Public Hearing will be held by the FAA to afford interested parties the opportunity to provide their comments on the merits and findings of the DEIS and to consider the economic, social, and environmental effects of PTAA's proposed development and its consistency with the goals and objectives of such urban planning as has been carried out by the community. The Public Hearing will be conducted in conjunction with an informal Information Workshop. During the

Information Workshop, participants will be able to view project related materials and speak with representatives of the FAA and the consulting team.

In addition, the public is invited to comment in one of four ways during the Public Hearing/Information Workshop: (1) Written comments may be submitted anytime during the Hearing/Workshop; (2) Pre-addressed written comment forms may be mailed to the Individual listed above, (3) Private oral comments may be given to a certified court reporter anytime during the Hearing/Workshop, and, (4) Oral comments may be made in front of the Hearing Officer who will be present to preside over and conduct the Public Hearing. The FAA encourages interested parties to review the DEIS and provide comments during the public comment period.

For the convenience of interested parties, the DEIS may be reviewed at the following locations:

Greensboro Public Library, 219 No.

Church Street, Greensboro

Hege Library of Guilford College, 5800

West Friendly Avenue, Greensboro

High Point Public Library, 901 North

Main Street, High Point

Forsyth County Library, 660 West Fifth Street, Winston-Salem

Piedmont Triad International Airport,

6415 Airport Parkway, Greensboro

Federal Aviation Administration,

Atlanta District Office, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, Georgia

Dated: Issued in Atlanta, Georgia, March 31, 2000.

Scott L. Seritt,

Manager, Atlanta Airports District Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA, Inc.; Free Flight Steering Committee

Revised Agenda

The April 13 RTCA Free Flight Steering Committee Meeting announced in the **Federal Register**, 65 FR 16240 (Monday, March 27, 2000), third column, has been revised.

The revised agenda reads as follows: The agenda will include: (1) Welcome and Opening Remarks: (a) Recognize Departing Members of the Steering Committee; (b) Welcome Incoming Members. (2) Review Summary of the Previous Meeting; (3) Reports from FAA on: (c) Free Flight Phase 1 Baseline Data and Performance Assessments Update; (d) Controller-Pilot Data Link