

22170; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room XX. The objective of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for interested aviation weather users to provide input on FAA's plans for implementing new weather products.

DATES: The meeting will be held at the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA), 535 Herndon Parkway, Herndon, Virginia 22170. Times: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on January 21, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debi Bacon, Aerospace Weather Policy Division, ARS-100, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone number (202) 385-7705; Fax; (202) 385-7701; e-mail: debi.bacon@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

History

In 1999, the FAA established an Aviation Weather Technology Transfer (AWTT) Board to manage the orderly transfer of weather capabilities and products from research and development (R&D) into operations. The Director of the Aerospace Weather Policy and Standards Staff, ARS-20, chairs the AWTT Board. The board is composed of stakeholders in Air Traffic Services, ATS; Regulation and Certification, AVR; and Research and Acquisitions, ARA in the Federal Aviation Administration and the Office of Climate, Water and Weather Services, OS and the Office of Science and Technology, OST in the National Weather Service.

The AWTT Board meets semi-annually or as needed, to determine the readiness of weather R&D products for experimental use, full operational use for meteorologists or full operational use for end users. The board's determination is based upon criteria in the following areas: user's needs; benefits; costs; risks; technical readiness; operational readiness and budget requirements.

FAA has the sole responsibility and authority to make decisions intended to provide a safe, secure, and efficient U.S. national airspace system. However, it behooves FAA to not make decisions in a vacuum. Rather, FAA is seeking inputs from the user community before decisions are finalized. The purpose of this meeting is to obtain industry feedback.

Industry users will be invited to participate in quarterly, one-day meetings to provide input for development of concepts of use (ConUse) for individual aviation weather products near specific AWTT board decision points. The decision points are for transition from the test

stage (D2) to the experimental stage (D3) and/or from the experimental stage (D3) to the operational stage (D4). Industry meetings will precede the two AWTT board meetings approximately one month prior to each board meeting and in each of the other two quarters of the year. These industry review sessions will be announced in the **Federal Register** and open to all interested parties.

This meeting is the industry session intended to provide input for a roadmap for aviation weather. It is also intended to receive feedback on weather R&D products that will be presented for consideration at the May and November 2004 AWTT Board meetings. The products to be considered include the Current Icing Potential (CIP) Severity product for D3; the National Convective Weather Forecast (NCWF) 2 hour product (D3); the Forecast Icing Potential (FIP)—Alaska product (D3); the FIP supercooled Large Droplets (SLD) product (D4); the FIP Severity product (D3); the Graphical Turbulence Guidance (GTG) Flight Level 100–200 (D3) and the Oceanic Cloud Top Height product (CTOP) (D3).

Meeting Procedures

(a) The meeting will be informal in nature and will be conducted by representatives of the FAA Headquarters.

(b) The meeting will be open to all persons on a space-available basis. Every effort was made to provide a meeting site with sufficient seating capacity for the expected participation. There will be neither admission fee nor other charge to attend and participate. Attendees must present themselves to the security guard at the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA), 525 Herndon Parkway, Herndon, VA, obtain a visitor pass and adhere to security instructions for ALPA.

(c) FAA personnel present will conduct an overview briefing on the user input process to the AWTT and changes made to the process. Any person will be allowed to ask questions during the presentation and FAA personnel will clarify any part of the process that is not clear.

(d) FAA aviation weather research program personnel will conduct an overview briefing on the short- and mid-term outlook for scientific research for aviation weather products. Any person will be allowed to ask questions during the presentation and FAA personnel will clarify any part of the process that is not clear.

(e) FAA personnel will lead a session intended to refine an aviation weather roadmap, and a second session intended

to refine ConUses for specific weather products due for AWTT board decisions during 2004. Any person present may give feedback on the aviation weather roadmap or the specific products due for board decisions. Feedback on the proposed products will be captured through discussion between FAA personnel and any persons attending the meeting.

(f) FAA will not take any action items from this meeting nor make any commitments to accept specific user suggestions. The meeting will not be formally recorded. However, informal tape recordings may be made of the presentations to ensure that each respondent's comments are noted accurately.

(g) An official verbatim transcript or minutes of the informal meeting will not be made. However, a list of the attendees and a digest of discussions during the meeting will be produced. Any person attending may receive a copy of the written information upon request to the information contact, above.

(h) Every reasonable effort will be made to hear each person's feedback consistent with a reasonable closing time for the meeting. Written feedback may also be submitted to FAA personnel for up to seven (7) days after the close of the meeting.

Agenda

(a) Opening Remarks and Discussion of Meeting Procedures

(b) Review of AWTT user input process, proposed changes, calendar of events

- (c) Research Update
- (d) Roadmap Work Session
- (e) ConUse Work Session
- (f) Closing Comments

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Special Committee 172: Future Air-Ground Communications in the Very High Frequency (VHF) Aeronautical Data Band (118–137 MHz)

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Special Committee 172 meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 172: Future Air-Ground Communications in the VHF Aeronautical Data Band (118–137 MHz).

DATES: The meeting will be held January 20–22, 2004 for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC, 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20036; telephone (202) 833–9339; fax (202) 833–9434; Web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee 172 meeting. The agenda will include:

- January 20:
 - Opening Plenary Session (Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Review of Agenda, Review Summary of Previous Meeting).
 - Convene Working Group-3 (WG–3).
 - Report on PMC Action approving VHF Digital Link, Mode 3 MOPS, DO–271B.
 - On channel RF Susceptibility.
 - Review data from manufacturers.
 - Review “3T” SARPS–Compatibility Issues.
 - Discuss MOPS Requirements and Work program.
- January 21–22:
 - Reconvene WG–3 as necessary to continue with the resolution of FRAC comments to draft Change 1 to DO–271A VDL Mode 3 MOPS.
 - Convene WG–2, time permitting, to entertain white papers and actions regarding the development of Version B of the DO–224A, Signal-in-Space Minimum Aviation Communications Including Compatibility with Digital Voice.
 - Reconvene Plenary.
 - Review relevant activities.
 - International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Aeronautical Mobile Communications Panel work.
 - NEXCOM activities.
 - EUROCAE WG–47 status and issues.
 - Others as appropriate.
 - Closing Plenary Session (Other Business, Date and Place of Next Meeting, Adjourn).

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons

wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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Robert Zoldos,

FAA System Engineer, RTCA Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Special Committee 195: Flight Information Services Communications (FISC)

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Special Committee 195 meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 195: Flight Information Services Communication (FISC).

DATES: The meeting will be held January 13–15, 2004, starting at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Airlines Pilot Association (ALPA) Office on 1625 Massachusetts Ave., Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036; telephone (202) 833–9339; fax (202) 833–9434; Web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee 195 meeting. The agenda will include:

- January 13:
 - Opening Plenary Session (Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes, Review of Action Items).
 - Review of ATA final review and comment (FRAC) comments on draft DO–267A.
 - Review Responses to Avionics Harmonization Working Group (AVHWG) Member Comments on draft DO–267A.
 - AVHWG Coordination.
- January 14:
 - Approval of Flight Information Services (FIS) Product Registry.
 - Guidance for Type Design Approval of Future FIS Products.

- Consideration of the Requirement Level for Color in DO–267A.
- Approve Final Draft DO–267A.
- January 15:
 - Closing Plenary Session (Review Action Items, Discussion of Future Workplan, Other Business, Date and Place of Next Meeting, Adjourn).

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Special Committee 159: Global Positioning System (GPS)

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Special Committee 159 meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 159: Global Positioning System.

DATES: The meeting will be held January 12–16 2004, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (unless stated otherwise).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1828 L Street NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC, 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC, 20036; telephone (202) 833–9339; fax (202) 833–9434 Web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee 159 meeting. *Note: Specific working group sessions will be held January 12–15.* The plenary agenda will include:

- January 16:
 - Opening Plenary Session (Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting).
 - Review Working Group Progress