

Comments should be filed no later than April 17, 1997. Comments must be in English and provided in 20 copies to Peter Collins, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Services and Investment, Office of the United States Trade Representative, Room 301, 600 17th Street, Washington, D.C. 20508. Non-confidential information received will be available for public inspection by appointment, in the USTR Reading Room, Room 101, Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For an appointment call Brenda Webb on 202-395-6186. Business confidential information will be subject to the requirements of 15 CFR 2003.6. Any business confidential material must be clearly marked as such on the cover letter or page and each succeeding page, and must be accompanied by a non-confidential summary thereof.

Frederick L. Montgomery,
Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[CGD08-97-006]

Notice of Public Hearing on the Canadian Pacific Railroad Drawbridge Across the Upper Mississippi River, Mile 699.8, at Lacrosse, WI

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Coast Guard announces a forthcoming public hearing for the presentation of views concerning the alteration of the Canadian Pacific Railroad Drawbridge, at LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

DATES: The hearing will be held at 1 p.m., April 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: (a) The hearing will be held in the Conference Room of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Resource Center, 555 Lester Avenue, Onalaska, Wisconsin 54650.

(b) Written comments may be submitted to and will be available for examination from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, at the office of the Director Western Rivers Operations, Bridge Branch, 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2398.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Roger Wiebusch, Director Western Rivers Operations, Bridge Branch, 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2398.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard has received numerous comments from the public indicating the bridge is unreasonably obstructive to navigation. Information available to the Coast Guard indicates there were 269 marine collisions with the bridge since 1980. These collisions have caused moderate to heavy damage to the bridge. Based on this information, the bridge appears to be a hazard to navigation. This may require increasing the horizontal clearance on the bridge to meet the needs of navigation. All interested parties shall have full opportunity to be heard and to present evidence as to whether any alteration of this bridge is needed, and if so, what alterations are needed, giving due consideration to the necessities of free and unobstructed water navigation. The necessities of rail traffic will also be considered.

Any person who wishes, may appear and be heard at this public hearing. Persons planning to appear and be heard are requested to notify the Director Western Rivers Operations, Bridge Branch, 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2398, Telephone: 314-539-3900 Ext 378, any time prior to the hearing indicating the amount of time required. Depending upon the number of scheduled statements, it may be necessary to limit the amount of time allocated to each person. Any limitations of time allocated will be announced at the beginning of the hearing. Written statements and exhibits may be submitted in place of or in addition to oral statements and will be made a part of the hearing record. Such written statements and exhibits may be delivered at the hearing or mailed in advance to the Director, Western Rivers Operations, Bridge Branch. Transcripts of the hearing will be made available for purchase upon request.

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 513; 49 CFR 1.46(c)(3).

Dated: March 6, 1997.

T.W. Josiah,
Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commander,
Eighth Coast Guard District.

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[CGD 96-063]

Incineration of Solid Waste Aboard U.S. Coast Guard Cutters, Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and proposed Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) of marine incinerators on board its certain classes of cutters (vessels larger than 65 feet in length) for the purpose of burning shipboard solid waste to mitigate its accumulation. A notice of availability of the EA and the FONSI was placed in the Federal Register of 26 November 96 to invite comments from the public. No comments were received during the 30-day comment period. This notice announces the availability of the final EA and FONSI to concerned agencies and the public.

ADDRESSES: Requests to receive a copy of the EA and FONSI should be mailed to the Commanding Officer (ELC code 024), 2401 Hawkins Point Road, Baltimore, MD 21226-5000. The documents may also be picked up from the same address between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays, by contacting Mr. Hari Bindal at telephone (410) 762-6732, and FAX (410) 762-6868.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Hari Bindal, Environmental Protection Specialist, Engineering and Logistics Center, Equipment Management Division (ELC 024), at (410) 762-6732.

Background

U.S. Coast Guard operates a fleet of boats and cutters on the U.S. domestic and international waters to accomplish its major missions of Law Enforcement, Defense Operations, Search and Rescue, Ice Operations, Marine Science, Pollution Response, and Aids to Navigation. The cutters going long voyages (5 days and more) and having a large crew (over 50), face problems with shipboard generated solid waste (trash, garbage), and waste oil. To comply with the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL) and the U.S. Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (APPS), which prohibit disposal of plastics anywhere at sea and restrict discharge of other waste to certain distances from shore, and to comply with other U.S. and international environmental laws and regulations, the Coast Guard considered several alternatives of handling the shipboard generated solid waste and waste oil. After evaluating the pro and cons of all considered alternatives, Coast Guard proposed incineration as the means to handle the shipboard solid waste and waste oil.

An environmental assessment (EA) was prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of

1969; and the Coast Guard's NEPA Implementing Procedures, to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed installation of incinerators on certain classes of Coast Guard cutters. The EA concluded in its finding of no significant impact (FONSI), that mean the concentrations of pollutants generated by the proposed installation of incinerators on board certain classes of Coast Guard cutters are low enough that the physical, biological, and atmospheric effects on the marine environment are insignificant for all areas of operation. Consequently, an Environmental Impact Statement was not required.

As required by NEPA, the EA and FONSI were made available to concerned government agencies and a 'notice of availability' appeared in the Federal Register of 26 November 1996 [61 FR 60137] to invite peoples' comment. No adverse comments were received by the end of the 30-days comment period.

The EA and FONSI are now final. Concerned agencies and the public may request copies of the EA and FONSI from the address above under ADDRESSES, and by contacting Mr. Hari Bindal, at (410) 762-6732.

Dated: February 26, 1997.

Debabrata Ghosh,

Acting Chief, Equipment Management Div. (ELC-02).

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Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-97-16]

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 March 18, 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, D.C. 20591.

Comments may also be sent electronically to the following internet address: 9-NPRM-CMTS@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, D.C. 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, D.C., on March 13, 1997.

Mardi R. Thompson,

Acting Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.

Petitions for Exemption

Docket No.: 28849.

Petitioner: Era Aviation, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 119.5(g), 121.107, and 121.591.

Description of Relief Sought: To permit the petitioner to conduct VFR operations from its Bethel base, and all VFR sightseeing/air tour operations, with ceiling and visibility requirements that will be no more restrictive than those specified in §§ 91.155 and 135.205. Additionally, the petitioner requests that it be allowed to conduct all scheduled and charter operations from its Bethel base to utilize part 135 flight following procedures currently in use in lieu of the dispatch requirements contained in §§ 121.107 and 121.591.

Docket No.: 28850.

Petitioner: Era Aviation, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 121.356(b).

Description of Relief Sought: To allow the petitioner to operate its DC-3 aircraft under requirements specified in

§ 135.180 as it concerns Traffic Collision Avoidance System (TCAS).

Docket No.: 28854.

Petitioner: Seaborne Seaplane Adventures.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 121.395.

Description of Relief Sought: To allow the petitioner relief from the phrase "* * * shall provide enough qualified aircraft dispatchers * * *" contained in § 121.395 and a 30 day extension to complete all of the requirements for transition to Part 121 operations.

Docket No.: 28856.

Petitioner: Frontier Flying Service, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 121.

Description of Relief Sought: To permit the petitioner an extension of the deadline for transition from part 135 operations to part 121 operations.

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RTCA, Inc.; Technical Management Committee

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 the RTCA Technical Management Committee meeting to be held April 2, 1997, starting at 9 a.m. The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036.

The agenda will include: (1) Chairman's Remarks; (2) Review and Approval of Summary of the Previous Meeting; (3) Consider and Approve: a. Proposed Final Draft, Human Engineering Guidance for Data Link Systems; b. Proposed Final Draft, Minimum Operational Performance Standards for Aeronautical Telecommunication Network Avionics; c. Proposed Update to the Terms of Reference for Special Committee 189/ Working Group 53, Air Traffic Services Safety and Interoperability; d. Proposed Update to the Terms of Reference for Special Committee 182, Minimum Operational Performance Standard for Avionics Computer Resource; (4) Discuss/Take Position on: a. Report on Activities of Special Committee 169 (Requirement for Change 1 to DO-219; Terms of Reference Review to Determine if Special Committee 169 Has Work Remaining; Identify a Permanent Chairman for Special Committee 169 If There Is Work Remaining); b. Report on Aviation Community Desire for a Mode S-based Traffic Information Service Data Link; c. Report on Proposed Change to DO-204, Minimal Operational