

Specifically, governments have asked the IJC to:

- Define the general framework under which watershed boards would operate, which includes the definition of the scope of activities of the watershed boards and the definition of the operating principles of such boards;
- Recommend the location of the first watershed board;
- Recommend the structure, composition and terms of reference of the first international watershed board, including the priority issues that it would address;
- Develop cost projections and possible sources of funding, including innovative funding mechanisms, for the formation and operation of the first international watershed board and for special studies that would be projected for its first few years of operation;
- Consult provinces, states and both federal governments on the identification of locations and the development, planning and establishment of additional international watershed boards at appropriate times.

The International Joint Commission is a binational Canada-U.S. organization established by the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909. It assists the governments in managing waters along the border for the benefit of both countries in a variety of ways including examining issues referred to it by the two federal governments.

The IJC will undertake broad consultations with all interested parties as part of its examination of the watershed approach. The IJC would invite all interested parties to notify the Commission of their interest in this matter at either one of the following addresses:

International Joint Commission, United States Section, 1250 23rd Street, NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20440, Telephone: (202) 736-9000, Fax: (202) 736-9015, Email: [commission@washington.ijc.org](mailto:commission@washington.ijc.org)

International Joint Commission, Canadian Section, 100 Metcalfe Street, 18th Floor, Ottawa, ON K1P 5M1, Telephone: (613) 995-2984, Fax: (613) 993-5583, [commission@ottawa.ijc.org](mailto:commission@ottawa.ijc.org)

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**Gerald E. Galloway,**

*Secretary, United States Section.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2941]

### International Joint Commission, Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909

An Invitation to Comment on the 1998 Progress Report of the Air Quality Committee under the Canada-United States Air Quality Agreement.

The International Joint Commission invites public comment on progress by the United States and Canada in reducing transboundary air pollution under the 1991 Agreement on Air Quality. The Commission will provide a synthesis of the comments to the two governments and the public as directed by the Agreement.

The Governments of the United States and Canada signed an Agreement on Air Quality on March 13, 1991. The purpose of the Agreement was to establish a practical and effective instrument to address shared concerns on transboundary air pollution. The 1998 Progress Report reviews acid rain control programs, monitoring, prevention of air quality deterioration and visibility protection, notification of significant transboundary air pollution, cooperation on ground-level ozone and particulate matter, and scientific and technical cooperation.

Under the terms of the Agreement, the Governments established a bilateral Air Quality Committee. This Committee is responsible for reviewing progress made in the implementation of the Agreement, preparing and submitting periodic progress reports to the Governments, referring each progress report to the International Joint Commission, and releasing those reports to the public. The 1998 Progress Report of the Committee is now available and may be obtained from:

Acid Rain Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code: 6204J, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, Acid Rain Hotline: (202) 564-9620.

Environment Canada, Inquiry Centre, 351 St. Joseph Blvd., Hull, Quebec, K1A 0H3, (819) 997-2800.

The full report is also available at the following sites on the World Wide Web: <http://www.epa.gov/acidrain/lawsregs/airus.pdf> <http://www.ec.gc.ca/special/airqual.html>

Under the Agreement, the Governments assigned the International Joint Commission the responsibility of inviting comments on each progress report of the Air Quality Committee. The International Joint Commission invites comment on any aspect of the 1998 Progress Report. Please send

comments in writing by February 26, 1999, to either address below, or contact us if you have any questions about the comment process.

International Joint Commission, United States Section, 1250 23rd Street, NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20440, Telephone: (202) 736-9000, Fax: (202) 736-9015, Email: [commission@washington.ijc.org](mailto:commission@washington.ijc.org)  
International Joint Commission, Canadian Section, 100 Metcalfe Street, 18th Floor, Ottawa, ON K1P 5M1, Telephone: (613) 995-2984, Fax: (613) 993-5583, Email: [commission@ottawa.ijc.org](mailto:commission@ottawa.ijc.org)

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Proposed Advisory Circular 25-XX, Certification of Transport Airplane Mechanical Systems

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed Advisory Circular (AC) 25-XX and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of and requests comments on a proposed advisory circular (AC) which provides methods acceptable to the Administrator for showing compliance with the provisions of subparts D and F of 14 CFR part 25 regarding the type certification requirements for transport airplane mechanical systems. This notice is necessary to give all interested persons an opportunity to present their views on the proposed AC.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 12, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments on proposed AC to: Federal Aviation Administration, Attention: Mahinder Wahi, Propulsion/Mechanical Systems/Crashworthiness/Noise Branch, ANM-112, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, 1601 Lind Avenue SW, Renton, WA 98055-4056. Comments may be inspected at the above address between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. weekdays, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Toni Jackson, Transport Standards Staff, at the address above, telephone (425) 227-2112.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Comments Invited**

A copy of the draft 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 should identify AC 25-XX, and submit comments, in duplicate, to the address specified above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments will be considered by the Transport Standards Staff before issuing the final AC.

**Discussion**

This AC contains guidance for the latest amendment of the regulations and applies to all transport category airplanes for which a new, amended, or supplemental type certificate is required. This guidance should be applied to any portion of the airplane mechanical systems that has been modified. In the past, advisory and guidance information applicable to transport airplane mechanical systems has been formally published as AC's. Advisory circulars have not been developed for all of the regulatory requirements applicable to transport airplane mechanical systems, however. In many instances, certification of new technology airplanes resulted in the need to interpret the existing regulations and to apply new regulations. Issue papers and special conditions were generated to document the compliance method agreed upon between the applicant and the FAA. In other instances, applicants, FAA Aircraft Certification Office (ACO) managers, and foreign regulatory authorities have requested interpretation of the intent of specific regulations. This guidance was documented in the form of policy memorandums that were distributed to all ACOs, letters to applicants and foreign airworthiness authorities, and issue papers. In many instances, this information was not organized in a manner that allowed easy access, and applicants were not aware of revised policy. This AC formalizes existing policy so that the public and FAA personnel have access to this information. The methods and procedures described in this AC have evolved after many years and represents current certification practice.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on November 30, 1998.

**John J. Hickey,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration**

**Notice of Intent to Rule on Application 99-02-C-00-MCI To Impose and Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Kansas City International Airport, Kansas City, MO.**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Rule on Application.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Kansas City International Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Public Law 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158). **DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 11, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Federal Aviation Administration, Central Region, Airports Division, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Raymond D. Anderson, AAE, Director of Aviation, Kansas City International Airport, at the following address: 601 Brasilia Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64153.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the Kansas City International Airport, under section 158.23 of Part 158.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lorna Sandridge, PFC Program Manager, FAA, Central Region, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106, (816) 426-4730. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at the Kansas City International Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety

and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Public Law 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

On November 27, 1998, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by the Kansas City International Airport, Kansas City, Missouri, was substantially complete within the requirements of section 158.25 of Part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than February 27, 1999.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

*Level of the proposed PFC:* \$3.00.

*Proposed charge effective date:* January, 2002.

*Proposed charge expiration date:* November, 2006.

*Total estimated use revenue:* \$48,047,139.

*Total estimated impose revenue:* \$28,723,139.

*Brief description of proposed project(s):* Overlay Runway 9/27 and Taxiway C (between C1-C9); Expand General Aviation Apron; Construct Federal Inspection Service Facility; Taxiway B Rehabilitation; Terminal Improvement; Airfield Storm Drainage; Construction of Hold apron West of Terminal B; Automated Access Control System; Reconstruct Taxiway D; Passenger Facility Charge Development and Administration.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Kansas City International Airport.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri on November 27, 1998.

**Michael J. Faltermeier,**

*Acting Manager, Airports Division Central Region.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Highway Administration**

**Environmental Impact Statement: Dubuque County, IA/Jo Daviess County, IL**

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.