

shall determine whether individuals seeking OSC assistance were: (1) fully apprised of their rights; (2) successful at the OSC or the Merit Systems Protection Board; and (3) satisfied, whether successful or not, with the treatment received from the OSC.

Pursuant to enactment of this requirement in 1994, the OSC developed three survey forms, corresponding to the principal categories of individuals seeking OSC assistance: (1) individuals whose cases alleging prohibited personnel practices, or other violations of law, rule or regulation within the agency's jurisdiction, have been closed by the OSC with or without corrective and/or disciplinary action (OSC Form 48a); (2) individuals who have received written advisory opinions about allowable and unallowable political activity under the Hatch Act (OSC Form 48b); and (3) individuals whose disclosures of possible wrongdoing by federal agencies have been processed by the OSC Disclosure Unit (OSC Form 48c).

Since the expiration of OMB's three-year approval of the initial version of survey forms, the OSC has modified the forms to focus more clearly on customer service issues, and to elicit information that would place responses to the questions enumerated in the statute in a more meaningful context. The three survey formats, as revised, are proposed for use in surveying persons whose matters were closed, or who received written Hatch Act advisory opinions, or whose disclosures were processed by the OSC, between fiscal years (FY) 1998–2000. As before, survey responses will be voluntary, will not solicit information required by law or regulation, and will be able to be submitted without personal identification if the respondent so chooses.

The information collected will be used by the OSC to: comply with the law; assess levels of satisfaction with services rendered; link results with management planning and other agency operations; identify areas where improvements can be made; enhance awareness of service issues at all levels of the agency; improve service to complainants and others seeking the agency's assistance; and report on the agency survey program (in statistical form) to Congress.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. A Federal Register Notice soliciting comments on this collection of information, and providing a 60-day comment period, was

published on September 8, 1998 (63 FR 47542–3). No comments were received pursuant to that notice.

Burden statement: The respondent burden for this collection is estimated to average 20 minutes per response to OSC Form 48a (by complainants whose allegations of prohibited personnel practices or other violations were resolved by the OSC); 12 minutes per response to OSC Form 48b (by recipients of written Hatch Act advisory opinions); and 15 minutes per response to OSC Form 48c (by submitters of whistleblower disclosures to the agency's Disclosure Unit). These estimates include the time needed to read and review introductory information and instructions; search existing data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and return the survey form to the OSC.

Respondents/affected entities. Current and former federal employees, applicants for federal employment, their representatives, and others whose allegations of prohibited personnel practices or other violations of law or regulation under the OSC's have been resolved by the OSC; current and former federal employees, applicants for federal employment, their representatives, and others who have received written Hatch Act advisory opinions; current and former federal employees, and applicants for federal employment, whose whistleblower disclosures have been acted upon by the OSC.

Estimated number of respondents: 2,063 in FY 1999; 2,270 in FY 2000; and 2,487 in FY 2001.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 755 hours in FY 1999; 884 hours in FY 2000; and 968 hours in FY 2001.

Frequency of collection: One time per matter closed or opinion received.

Any comments about the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, should be sent to the following addresses (please refer to the OSC Survey Forms Information Collection Request in any correspondence): (1) Erin M. McDonnell, Associate Special Counsel for Planning and Advice, U.S. Office of Special Counsel, 1730 M Street, NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036–4505, fax: (202) 653–5151; and (2) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the U.S. Office of Special Counsel, 725 17th Street, NW. 20503.

Dated: December 23, 1998.

Elaine Kaplan,

Special Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Notice of Public Meeting

SUMMARY: This notice announces two public meetings. The purpose of these meetings is to brief interested parties regarding the proposed modification of the Tampa, FL, Class B airspace area.

DATES: *Meeting:* The public meetings will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 1999, starting at 7:00 p.m., and Wednesday, January 13, 1999, starting at 7:30 p.m. *Comments:* Comments must be received on or before January 19, 1999.

ADDRESSES: On January 12, 1999, the meeting will be held at the Tampa General Hospital, 2nd Floor Rehabilitation Wing, Tampa, FL. On January 13, 1999, the meeting will be held at the University of South Florida, Environmental Protection Agency Auditorium, St. Petersburg, FL.

COMMENTS: Send or deliver comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Manager, Air Traffic Division, ASO–500, Federal Aviation Administration, 1701 Columbia Ave., College Park, GA 30337.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Shelton, Air Traffic Division, ASO–500, FAA, Southern Regional Office, telephone (404) 305–5585.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Procedures

The following procedures will be used to facilitate the meetings:

(a) The meetings will be informal in nature and will be conducted by a representative of the FAA Southern Region. Representatives from the FAA will present a formal briefing on the proposed changes to the Class B airspace area. Each participant will be given an opportunity to deliver comments or make a presentation at the meetings.

(b) The meetings will be open to all persons on a space-available basis. There will be no admission fee or other charge to attend and participate.

(c) Any person wishing to make a presentation to the FAA panel will be asked to sign in and estimate the amount of time needed for such presentation. This will permit the panel to allocate an appropriate amount of time for each presenter.

(d) The meetings will not be adjourned until everyone on the list has had an opportunity to address the panel.

(e) Position papers or other handout material relating to the substance of the meetings will be accepted. Participants wishing to submit handout material should present three copies to the presiding officer. There should be additional copies of each handout available for other attendees.

(f) The meetings will not be formally recorded. However, a summary of the comments made at the meetings will be filed in the docket.

AGENDA FOR THE MEETINGS:

Opening Remarks and Discussion of Meeting Procedures.

Briefing on Background for Proposal.

Public Presentations and Comments.

Closing Comments.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 23, 1998.

Reginald C. Matthews,

*Acting Program Director for Air Traffic
Airspace Management.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[RTCA; Special Committee 165]

Minimum Operational Performance Standards for Aeronautical Mobile Satellite Services

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 Special Committee (SC)-165 meeting to be held January 15, 1999, starting at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at RTCA, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC, 20036. (This plenary meeting will follow a meeting of SC-165 Working Group (WG)-3, Minimum Aviation System Performance Standards, on January 12-14.)

The agenda will include: (1) Welcome and Introductions; (2) Review Summary of the Previous Meeting; (3) Chairman's Remarks; (4) Overview of Related Activities: a. Required Communication Performance; b. AEEC 741 and 761 Characteristics; c. EUROCAE Working Group-55; d. AMS(R)S Spectrum Issues; (e) AMCP WG-A on AMSS; (f) Industry, Users, Government; (5) Review of SC-165 Working Group Activities: a. WG-1, AMSS Avionics Equipment Minimum Operational Performance Standards; b. WG-3, AMSS System/Service Performance Criteria; c. WG-5, AMS(R)S Satcom Voice; (6) Other

Business; (7) Date and Place of Next Meeting; (8) Adjourn.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC, 20036; (202) 833-9339 (phone); (202) 833-9434 (fax); or <http://www.rtca.org> (web site). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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Richard A. Cox,

Designated Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Joint RTCA Special Committee 181/ EUROCAE Working Group 13 Standards of Navigation Performance

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 joint Special Committee 181/EUROCAE Working Group 13 meeting to be held January 11-15, 1999, starting at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Denver Tech Center, 7007 South Clinton Street, Englewood, CO 80112 (phone 1-800-298-0188; use ID no. 30178 to obtain RTCA rate; fax 602-470-3083). The host, Mr. Jim Terpstra, Jeppesen, may be reached at (303) 784-4401 (phone), (303) 784-4111 (fax); or contact Ms. Marie Duncan at mduncanjeppesen.com (electronic mail).

The agenda will be as follows: Monday, January 11-Tuesday, January 12, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (1) Working Groups 1 and 2 to meet separately; Wednesday, January 13, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon (2) Working Groups 1 and 2 to meet separately; 1:00-5:00 p.m. (3) Joint Meeting of Working Groups 1 and 2 to review DO-201A; Thursday, January 14, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (4) Joint Meeting of Working Groups 1 and 2 to review DO-201A; Friday, January 15, 8:30-11:30 a.m. (5) Joint meeting of Working Groups 1 and 2 to continue review of DO-201A; 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Closing Plenary Session: (6) Reports from Working Groups 1, 2, and 4; (7) Chairman's Remarks; (8) Dates and

Locations of Future Meetings; (9) New Business; (10) Adjourn.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC, 20036; (202) 833-9339 (phone); (202) 833-9434 (fax); or <http://www.rtca.org> (web site). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favour of relief.

Texas State Railroad

[Docket Number FRA-1998-4823]

The Texas State Railroad (TSRR) seeks a permanent waiver of compliance with the Safety Glazing Standards, 49 CFR Part 223.11(c), which requires certified glazing in all locomotive windows, except those locomotives used in yard service. The TSRR seeks this waiver for locomotive number TSRR 22. The 70 ton switcher locomotive was built in the late 1940's by General Electric Locomotive Company and was never equipped with FRA certified glazing. The locomotive owner indicates that the locomotive is utilized in road and yard service between Rusk and Palestine, TX, a distance of about 25.5 miles. Also that the area where the locomotive operates is sparsely populated, wooded terrain.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in