

by the airport operator, under section 150.21 of FAR Part 150, that the statutorily required consultation has been accomplished.

Copies of the full exposure map documentation and of the FAA's evaluation of the maps are available for examination at the following locations: Federal Aviation Administration, Central Region, 901 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106; Jon L. Large, Lincoln Airport, 2400 West Adams, Lincoln, NE 68504.

Questions may be directed to the individual named above under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on September 26, 2003.

George A. Hendon,

Manager, Airports Division, Central Region.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Proposed Technical Standard Order (TSO)—C168, Aviation Visual Distress Signals

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of availability and requests for public comment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of and requests comments on proposed Technical Standard Order (TSO)—C168, Aviation Visual Distress Signals. This proposed TSO tells manufacturers and designers of aviation visual distress signals what minimum performance standards (MPS) their equipment must first meet to obtain approval and identification with the applicable TSO marking.

DATES: Comments must identify the TSO and arrive by November 7, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on the proposed TSO to: Federal Aviation Administration, Aircraft Certification Service, Aircraft Engineering Division, Technical Programs and Continued Airworthiness Branch, AIR-120, Room 815, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591. ATTN: Mr. Dave Rich, AIR-120. Or, deliver comments to: Federal Aviation Administration, Room 815, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Dave Rich, Federal Aviation Administration, Aircraft Certification Service, Aircraft Engineering Division, Technical Programs and Continued Airworthiness Branch, AIR-120, Room

815, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591. Telephone: (202) 267-7141, fax: (202) 267-5340, e-mail: dave.rich@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

You may comment on the proposed TSO listed in this notice by sending written data, views, or arguments to the above listed address. You may also examine comments received on the proposed TSO, before and after the comment closing date, in Room 815, FAA Headquarters Building, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, weekdays except Federal holidays, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The Director of the Aircraft Certification Service will consider all communications received by the closing date before issuing the final TSO.

Background

This proposed TSO gives the MPS for aviation visual distress signals. The MPS are based on Society of Automotive Engineers, Inc. (SAE) Aerospace Standard (AS) 5134, "Aviation Distress Signals," dated June 2001. The signals must also meet specific test criterion contained in RTCA Document No. RTCA/DO-160D, "Environmental Conditions and Test Procedures for Airborne Equipment," Change 4, dated July 29, 1997. This TSO's standards apply to handheld, high-intensity, stroboscopic light sources that can be added to aviation survival kits to supplement pyrotechnic devices. These light sources will significantly eliminate potential equipment and personnel hazards associated with using pyrotechnics devices in inflatable life rafts, by providing an equivalent level of safety that meets or exceeds the current performance standards for pyrotechnics devices that aid in locating and rescuing aviation accident survivors.

How To Get Copies

You may get a copy of the proposed TSO via the Internet at <http://www.faa.gov/certification/aircraft/TSOA.htm>, or by contacting the person listed in the section titled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 2, 2003.

David W. Hempe,

Manager, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-3-16255]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Request for Comments; Renewed Approval of Information Collection; State Right-of-Way Operations Manuals, OMB Control Number: 2125-0586

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FHWA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The collection involves State Departments of Transportation (STD) providing their Right-of-Way Operations Manuals to FHWA. The information to be collected will be used to certify that the manuals are representative of the states' right-of-way procedures and the information is necessary to comply with the FHWA Final Rule for the Right-of-Way program on December 21, 1999. We are required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 to publish this notice in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Please submit comments by December 8, 2003.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT DMS Docket Number FHWA-3-16255 by any of the following methods:

- Web site: <http://dms.dot.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.
- Fax: 1-202-493-2251.
- Mail: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590.
- Hand Delivery: Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time or to Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed

collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burdens could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wayne Coil, (202) 366-2038, Office of Real Estate Services, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: State Right-of-Way Operations Manuals.

OMB Control No.: 2125-0586.

Background: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued a final rule for the Right-of-Way Program on December 21, 1999 (**Federal Register** Volume 64, Number 244, pages 71284-71297). This issuance was a comprehensive rewrite of rules governing the use of Federal-aid funds for right-of-way acquisition, property management, and project development. The regulation reduces Federal regulatory requirements and places primary responsibility for a number of approval actions at the state level. The rule states that states must certify at 5-year intervals that their State Right-of-Way Operations Manuals are representative of their procedures, or submit an updated manual. STDs are required to update their manuals to reflect changes in Federal requirements for programs administered under Title 23 U.S.C. These manuals reflect how the STD plans to perform real estate acquisition, property management, and maintain the integrity of the right-of-way for highway and related transportation systems. The State manuals may be submitted to FHWA electronically or they can be made available by postings on state Web sites.

Respondents: State Departments of Transportation (52 including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico).

Frequency: Once initially, then States update their operations manuals for review.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 75 hours per respondent.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 75 hours for each of the 52 State Departments of Transportation. The total is rounded to 4,000 burden hours annually.

Issued on: October 2, 2003.

James R. Kabel,

Chief, Management Programs and Analysis Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket Nos. FMCSA-98-3298 and FMCSA-98-3299]

Notice of Scoping Meetings and Soliciting Scoping Comments for Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement and General Conformity Evaluation for Proposal To Promulgate North American Free Trade Agreement Regulations

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Announcement of public scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: The agency is in the early stages of preparing an environmental analysis, including a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) and a General Conformity Evaluation (GCE), assessing the potential environmental impacts' such as impact on air quality' on its proposal to promulgate regulations allowing trucks and buses domiciled in Mexico to operate throughout the United States under conditions ensuring public safety. The FMCSA is holding several public meetings on environmental issues and concerns to be considered in the PEIS and GCE. The purpose of these meetings is to obtain the public's input on the potential range or scope of environmental impacts and alternatives that should be considered in the PEIS and GCE. FMCSA invites the public to submit comments on the environmental issues and topics that they believe are appropriate for inclusion in these analyses.

DATES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for meeting dates.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for meeting addresses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Charles Rombro, Analysis Division, Office of Information Management, (202) 366-1861, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also visit FMCSA's Web site at <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/NAFTA/EIS> or call FMCSA's toll-free hotline number at

(800) 288-5634. Inquiries may be made in Spanish or English.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Addresses

The scoping meeting addresses, dates and times are as follows:

1. El Paso—October 21, 2003, 7 p.m. "9 p.m.; Franklin High School, 900 North Resler Drive, El Paso, TX; (915) 832-6600.
2. Phoenix—October 21, 2003; 7 p.m. "9 p.m.; Wyndham Phoenix Hotel, 50 East Adams Street, Phoenix, AZ; (602) 333-0000.
3. San Diego—October 22, 2003; 7 p.m. "9 p.m.; San Diego Concourse, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA; (619) 525-5000.
4. Nogales—October 22, 2003; 7 p.m. "9 p.m.; Santa Cruz County Complex, 2150 N. Congress Drive, Nogales, AZ; (520) 375-7812.
5. Los Angeles—October 23, 2003; 7 p.m. "9 p.m.; Los Angeles Convention Center; 1201 South Figueroa Street; Los Angeles, CA; (213) 741-1151.
6. Las Cruces—October 27, 2003; 7 p.m. "9 p.m.; New Mexico State University, Corbett Center Student Union; Las Cruces, NM; (505) 646-3049.
7. Laredo—October 27, 2003; 7 p.m. "9 p.m.; Texas A&M International University, 5201 University Blvd, Laredo, TX; (956) 326-2001.
8. Houston—October 28, 2003; 7 p.m. "9 p.m.; Reliant Arena; One Reliant Park, Houston, TX; (800) 776-4995.
9. Washington, DC—October 30, 2003; 2 p.m. "4 p.m.; Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel; 480 L'Enfant Plaza, Washington, DC; (202) 484-1000.

Pre-Registration to Speak at Public Meetings

Persons wanting to speak at a public meeting are encouraged to pre-register by calling FMCSA's toll-free hotline at (800) 288-5634 and leave their name, telephone number, the name of any group, business, or agency affiliation, if applicable, and the date and location of the meeting at which they wish to speak. The deadline for pre-registration for all meetings is October 20, 2003.

Persons will be called to speak at each meeting in the following order: elected officials, those who pre-registered, and then those wishing to speak who did not pre-register. Those wishing to speak at more than one meeting will also be accommodated, after their first meeting, as time allows and after all others have had an opportunity to participate. As FMCSA would like as many persons as possible to participate and since there will be a limited amount of time at each meeting, all speakers are strongly