

Attendance is open to the interested public but will be limited to the space available. The public must make arrangements to present oral statements at the meeting. Written statements may be presented to the committee at any time by providing 25 copies to the Assistant Chair or by providing the copies at the meeting.

If you are in need of assistance or require a reasonable accommodation for the meeting, please contact the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. In addition, sign and oral interpretation, as well as a listening device, can be made available at the meeting if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting. Arrangements may be made by contacting the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Meeting attendees must bring a valid photo I.D. and will be expected to comply with FAA security procedures while in the building.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 15, 2004.

Anthony F. Fazio,

Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Government/Industry Aeronautical Charting Forum Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the bi-annual meeting of the Federal Aviation Administration's Government/Industry Aeronautical Charting Forum (ACF) to discuss informational content and design of aeronautical charts and related products, as well as instrument flight procedures policy and criteria.

DATES: The ACF is separated into two distinct groups. The Instrument Procedures Group will meet October 25 and 26, 2004 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Charting Group will meet October 27 and 28, 2004 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Advanced Management Technology Incorporated (AMTI), 1515 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1100, Arlington, VA 22209.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information relating to the Instrument Procedures Group, contact Thomas E. Schneider, Flight Procedures Standards Branch, AFS-420, 6500 South MacArthur Blvd., P.O. Box 25082,

Oklahoma City, OK. 73125; telephone (405) 954-5852; fax: (405) 954-2528. For information relating to the Charting Group, contact Richard V. Powell, FAA, Office of System Operations & Safety, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8790, fax: (202) 493-4266.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. II), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Government/Industry Aeronautical Charting Forum to be held from October 25–October 28, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Advanced Management Technology, Incorporated, 515 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1100, Arlington, VA 22209.

The Instrument Procedures Group agenda will include briefings and discussions on recommendations regarding pilot procedures for instrument flight, as well as criteria, design, and developmental policy for instrument approach and departure procedures.

The Charting Group agenda will include briefings and discussions on recommendations regarding aeronautical charting specifications, flight information products, as well as new aeronautical charting and air traffic control initiatives.

Attendance is open to the interested public, but will be limited to the space available. The public must make arrangements by October 7, 2004, to present oral statements at the meeting. The public may present written statements and/or new agenda items to the committee by providing a copy to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by October 7, 2004. Public statements will only be considered if time permits.

Issued In Washington, DC, on September 16, 2004.

Richard V. Powell,

Co-Chair, Government/Industry, Aeronautical Charting Forum.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Laboratory Accreditation Program Approval

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) announces that it will use the National Cooperation for

Laboratory Accreditation (NACLA) Recognition process for determining whether an accreditation program is comparable to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' (AASHTO) Accreditation Program for use in quality assurance procedures for laboratories performing sampling and testing of materials used in the construction of Federal-aid highways on the National Highway System. In order for the accreditation program to be considered comparable, the accreditation body must be recognized by NACLA with a scope that includes the "Technical Requirements for Construction Materials Testing."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Rafalowski, Office of Pavement Technology (HIPT-10), (202) 366-1571; Mr. Harold Aikens, Office of Chief Counsel, (HCC-30), (202) 366-0791, Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., e.s.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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Background

In order to meet the quality assurance requirements for construction found in 23 CFR 637.209(a)(2), (3), and (4), laboratories performing sampling and testing of materials used in the construction of Federal-aid highway projects on the National Highway System must be accredited by the AASHTO Accreditation Program or a comparable laboratory accreditation program approved by FHWA. This notice announces that the FHWA will use the NACLA Accreditation Body Recognition Procedure and Technical Requirements for Construction Materials Testing, NISTIR 7012, as the criteria for the approval of comparable laboratory accreditation programs. The NACLA Recognition procedures are available at the following URL: <http://www.nacla.net/MRA/RecognitionProcedure.pdf>. The Technical Requirements for Testing Construction Materials is available at

the following URL: <http://ts.nist.gov/ts/htdocs/210/gsig/pubs/ir7012.pdf>.

Before accreditation bodies will be approved by the FHWA, these bodies will be evaluated against the NACLA recognition procedures, the Technical Requirements for Construction Materials Testing, and must be recognized by NACLA with the Technical Requirements for Construction Materials Testing listed in its scope. Additionally, to meet the quality assurance requirements in 23 CFR 637.209(a)(2), (3), and (4), the laboratories must have been successfully assessed using the technical requirements and the laboratories scope of accreditation and must indicate that the laboratory was assessed according to the requirements in NISTR 7012.

The NACLA is a membership organization that has been incorporated since May 1998 for the purposes of recognizing the competency of laboratory accreditation programs. The FHWA has been a member of the organization from its inception and involved in the development and implementation of the recognition procedures and development of the Technical Requirements for Construction Materials Testing.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 109, 114, and 315; 23 CFR 637; 49 CFR 1.48(b)

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Mary E. Peters,

Federal Highway Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and its implementing regulations, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) hereby announces that it is seeking approval of the following information collection activities. Before submitting these information collection requirements for clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), FRA is soliciting public comment on specific aspects of the activities identified below.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than November 22, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on any or all of the following proposed activities by mail to either: Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Safety, Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 17, Washington, DC 20590, or Ms. Debra Steward, Office of Information Technology and Productivity Improvement, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590. Commenters requesting FRA to acknowledge receipt of their respective comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard stating, "Comments on OMB control number 2130-New. Alternatively, comments may be transmitted via facsimile to (202) 493-6230 or (202) 493-6170, or e-mail to Mr. Brogan at robert.brogan@fra.dot.gov, or to Ms. Steward at debra.steward@fra.dot.gov. Please refer to the assigned OMB control number or collection title in any correspondence submitted. FRA will summarize comments received in response to this notice in a subsequent notice and include them in its information collection submission to OMB for approval.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 17, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6292) or Debra Steward, Office of Information Technology and Productivity Improvement, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6139). (These telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Pub. L. 104-13, sec. 2, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to provide 60-days notice to the public for comment on information collection activities before seeking approval by OMB. 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.10(e)(1), 1320.12(a). Specifically, FRA invites interested respondents to comment on the following summary of proposed information collection activities regarding: (i) Whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the activities will have practical utility; (ii) the accuracy of FRA's estimates of the burden of the

information collection activities, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates; (iii) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (iv) ways for FRA to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public by automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses). See 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)(i)-(iv); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1)(i)-(iv). FRA believes that soliciting public comment will promote its efforts to reduce the administrative and paperwork burdens associated with the collection of information mandated by Federal regulations. In summary, FRA reasons that comments received will advance three objectives: (i) Reduce reporting burdens; (ii) ensure that it organizes information collection requirements in a "user friendly" format to improve the use of such information; and (iii) accurately assess the resources expended to retrieve and produce information requested. See 44 U.S.C. 3501.

Below is a brief summary of proposed new information collection activities that FRA will submit for clearance by OMB as required under the PRA:

Title: Post-Traumatic Stress in Train Crew Members After a Critical Incident.
OMB Control Number: 2130-New.

Abstract: Nearly 1,000 fatalities occur every year in this country from trains striking motor vehicles at grade crossings and individual trespassers along the track. These events can be very traumatic to train crew members, who invariably are powerless to prevent such collisions. Exposure of train crews to such work-related traumas can cause extreme stress and result in safety-impairing behaviors, such as are seen in Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder or Acute Stress Disorder. Most railroads have Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD) intervention programs designed to mitigate problems caused by exposure to these traumas. However, they are quite varied in their approach, and it is not certain which components of these programs are most effective. The purpose of this collection of information is to identify "best practices" for CISD programs in the railroad industry. By means of written and subsequent oral interviews with train crew members that will each take approximately 45 minutes, the proposed study aims to accomplish the following: (1) Benchmark rail industry best practices of CISD programs; (2) establish the extent of traumatic stress disorders