

(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.

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Reginald C. Matthews,

*Acting Program Director for Air Traffic
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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

connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-1998-4823) and must be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room Pl-401, Washington, DC. 20590-0001. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) at DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room Pl-401 (Plaza Level), 400 Seventh Street S.W., Washington, D.C. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket No. RSPA-98-4029; Notice 2]

Pipeline Safety: One-Call Systems Study

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA); Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces RSPA's current activities to collect information and solicit public participation in a study of prevention of damage to underground facilities. RSPA established the Damage Prevention Best Practices Study Team. The Study Team consists of representatives of government, public, and industries interested in identifying best practices preventing damage to underground facilities. RSPA has developed a Web-based information system to support communication among Study Team participants. The One Call Systems

Study Information System (OCSS Information System) provides access to the public for documents prepared by the Study Team. It also allows public input on the issues addressed by the Team, or any other issues relevant to underground damage prevention. The system also provides information to the public on the various Study Team meetings being held around the country until the conclusion of the study in June, 1999. All Study Team meetings are open to the public. RSPA invites all interested individuals to access the OCSS Information System, review information regarding the Study Team, and provide the Study Team with comments and any additional issues of concern relating to damage prevention best practices. The OCSS Information System can be accessed through the OPS Homepage at <http://ops.dot.gov>, under the "Damage Prevention" option.

DATES: The following meetings have been scheduled:

Planning and Design Practices Task Team

January 19-20, 1999—Orlando, FL
February 8-9, 1999—Las Vegas, NV

One-Call Center Practices Task Team

January 5-6, 1999—Dallas, TX
February 9-10, 1999—Las Vegas, NV

Locating and Marking Practices Task Team

January 7-8, 1999—Dallas, TX
February 9, 1999—Las Vegas, NV

Excavation Practices Task Team

January 6-7, 1999—Baltimore, MD
February 6, 1999—Las Vegas, NV

Compliance Practices Task Team

January 6-8, 1999—Baltimore, MD
February 2-3, 1999—Orlando, FL

Mapping Task Team

January 11-13, 1999—Phoenix, AZ
February 10, 1999—Las Vegas, NV
April 13-14, 1999—Houston, TX

Reporting and Evaluation Practices Task Team

February 9, 1999—Las Vegas, NV

Public Education and Awareness Task Team

January 6-7, 1999—Baltimore, MD
February 17-18, 1999—Houston, TX
March 22-23, 1999—Dallas, TX
April 29-30, 1999—Atlanta, GA

Emerging Technologies Task Team

January 20-21, 1999—Raleigh, NC
February 17-18, 1999—Raleigh, NC
March 17-18, 1999—Raleigh, NC
April 21, 1999—TBD

Specific details regarding times and meeting places can be found on the OCSS Information System. These meetings are subject to change.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001, or you can E-Mail your comments to ops.comments@rspa.dot.gov. Comments should identify the docket number RSPA-98-4029. Persons should submit the original comment document and one copy. Persons wishing to receive confirmation of receipt of their comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard. The Dockets Facility is located on the plaza level of the Nassif Building in Room 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC. The Dockets Facility is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eben M. Wyman, (202) 366-0918, or by e-mail (eben.wyman@rspa.dot.gov), regarding the subject matter of this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

RSPA's Office of Pipeline Safety established a national organizational framework and staffing plan to study underground facility damage prevention practices, consistent with federal pipeline safety laws. This study, scheduled to be completed in June, 1999, will identify and evaluate current practices related to one-call notification systems. It will identify those that are most effective in protecting the public, excavators, and the environment and in preventing disruptions and damage to public services and underground facilities. Study Team participants represent a broad range of utilities and distribution systems, highway departments, railroads, excavators, municipal governments, trade associations and academia. The Study Team is charged to meet, discuss, and develop a consensus report that identifies practices used by one-call centers, excavators, facility locators, and underground facility operators to prevent damage to buried facilities.

OPS held a public meeting in August, 1998, to solicit participation in this initiative. OPS met with the Study Team in Washington, DC on September 20-21, 1998, to begin the process of identifying other Study Team participants, and again on October 19-20, 1998, to confirm the Study Team's structure and develop protocols for exchanging information. Nine Task Teams have been established to provide input to the