

each member of the committee or subcommittee should reach the Coast Guard on or before March 12, 1999.

ADDRESSES: MERPAC will meet on both days in Room 2415, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Commander Steven J. Boyle, Commandant (G-MSO-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this notice, contact Commander Steven J. Boyle, Executive Director of MERPAC, or Mr. Mark C. Gould, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone 202-267-0229, fax 202-267-4570, or e-mail mgould@comdt.uscg.mil. For questions on viewing the docket, contact Dorothy Walker, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, 202-366-9329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Agenda of March 31, 1999 Meeting

The full committee will meet to discuss the objectives for the meeting. The committee will then break up into the following working groups: the working group on the International Convention on the Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW); the working group on the National Maritime Center/Licensing Re-Engineering Team; and the working group on the Assessment of Proficiencies as Mandated by the Amended 1995 STCW Convention. New working groups may be formed to address any new issues or tasks. At the end of the day, the working groups will make a report to the full committee on what has been accomplished in their meetings. No action will be taken on these reports on this date.

Agenda of April 1, 1999 Meeting

Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC)

The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Introduction.
- (2) Working Group Reports.
- (3) Other items to be discussed:
 - (a) Standing Committee—Prevention Through People
 - (b) STCV developments
 - (c) Improving communications with the maritime industry
 - (d) Other items brought up for discussion by the committee or the public

Procedural

Both meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. At the Chair's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. If you would like to make an oral presentation at a meeting, please notify the Executive Director no later than March 17, 1999. Written material for distribution at a meeting should also reach the Coast Guard no later than March 17, 1999. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee in advance of a meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than March 12, 1999.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: February 23, 1999.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Noise Exposure Map Notice

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its determination that the noise exposure maps submitted by the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, for Anchorage International Airport under the provisions of Title I of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (Public Law 96-193) and 14 CFR Part 150 are in compliance with applicable requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of the FAA's determination on the noise exposure maps is January 26, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia A. Sullivan, Federal Aviation Administration, Alaskan Region, Airports Division, AAL-600, 222 West 7th Avenue, 6#14, Anchorage, Alaska 99513, 907-271-5454.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA finds

that the noise exposure maps submitted for Anchorage International Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements of Part 150, effective January 26, 1999.

Under section 103 of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), an airport operator may submit to the FAA noise exposure maps which meet applicable regulations and which depict noncompatible land uses as of the date of submission of such maps, a description of projected aircraft operations, and the ways which such operations will affect such maps. The Act requires such maps to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties in the local community, government agencies, and persons using the airport.

An airport operator who has submitted noise exposure maps that are found by FAA to be in compliance with the requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 150, promulgated pursuant to Title I of the Act, may submit a noise compatibility program for FAA approval which sets forth the measures the operator has taken or proposes for the reduction of existing noncompatible uses and for the prevention of the introduction of additional noncompatible uses.

The FAA has completed its review of the noise exposure maps and related descriptions submitted by the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. The specific maps under consideration are Noise Exposure Maps (NEMs) for the existing (1997), Figure 7.1 and five-year (2002) forecast condition, Figure 7.2 in the submission. The FAA has determined that these maps for Anchorage International Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements. This determination is effective on (January 26, 1999). FAA's determination on an airport operator's noise exposure maps is limited to a finding that the maps were developed in accordance with the procedures contained in appendix A of FAR Part 150. Such determination does not constitute approval of the applicant's data, information or plans, or a commitment to approve a noise compatibility program or to fund the implementation of that program.

If questions arise concerning the precise relationship of specific properties to noise exposure contours depicted on a noise exposure map submitted under section 103 of the Act, it should be noted that the FAA is not involved in any way in determining the relative locations of specific properties with regard to the depicted noise contours, or in interpreting the noise

exposure maps to resolve questions concerning, for example, which properties should be covered by the provisions of section 107 of the Act. These functions are inseparable from the ultimate land use control and planning responsibilities of local government. These local responsibilities are not changed in any way under part 150 or through FAA's review of noise exposure through FAA's review of noise exposure maps. Therefore, the responsibility for the detailed overlaying of noise exposure contours onto the map depicting properties on the surface rests exclusively with the airport operator which submitted those maps, or with those public agencies and planning agencies with which consultation is required under section 103 of the Act. The FAA has relied on the certification by the airport operator, under section 150.21 of FAR Part 150, that the statutorily required consultation has been accomplished. Copies of the noise exposure maps and the FAA's evaluation of the made and available for examination at the following locations:

Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 617, Washington, DC 20591.
Federal Aviation Administration, Alaska Region, Airports Division, AAL-600, 222 West 7th Avenue, #14, Anchorage, Alaska 99513.
Maryellen Tuttel, Noise Program Manager, Anchorage International Airport, PO Box 196960, Anchorage, Alaska 99519-6960.

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

Issued in Anchorage, Alaska on January 26, 1999.

Ronnie V. Simpson,

Manager, Airports Division, AAL-600, Alaskan Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket Number FHWA-99-5110]

Notice of Request for Clearance of a New Information Collection: No-Zone

Campaign Assessment

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirement in section 3506(c)(2)(A) of

the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the FHWA to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve a new information collection related to one of its national motor carrier safety initiatives; i.e., the No-Zone campaign. The No-Zone is the area around trucks where cars disappear from the view of the truck driver into blind spots or are so close that they restrict the truck driver's ability to stop or maneuver safely. The planned collection of information from a sample of the Nation's licensed drivers will be conducted to determine the public's recognition and awareness of the FHWA's Office of Motor Carrier and Highway Safety's No-Zone campaign.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 30, 1999.

ADDRESSES: All signed, written comments should refer to the docket number that appears in the heading of this document and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard or envelope.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Longo, (202) 366-0456, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: No-Zone Campaign Assessment.

Background

The FHWA will conduct a quantitative analysis of the No-Zone campaign and its messages by developing and administering a baseline evaluation study. The study will be conducted to determine the public's recognition and awareness of the No-Zone campaign. The study will be used as a starting point from which the campaign will be evaluated at a future date. The study will quantify respondents' knowledge of truck and bus limitations; their knowledge of "share the road" issues; and their knowledge of the No-Zone campaign and its messages. The baseline study will assist the FHWA with future evaluations of the No-Zone campaign. It is anticipated that a sample of 4,000 respondents will be drawn in order to

complete 1,100 interviews in households with telephones using a national random digit dial sample. The purpose of the No-Zone campaign is to help reduce the number of car-truck crashes, injuries, fatalities, and property loss. The campaign was initiated by the FHWA in 1994 in response to a congressional request in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA), that the FHWA "educate the motoring public about how to safely share the road with commercial motor vehicles." The principal campaign goal is to increase motorists' awareness of the No-Zone campaign and its highway safety messages. This baseline study will help evaluate the impact the No-Zone campaign has on increasing motorists' awareness of the commercial motor vehicle driver visibility limitations.

Respondents: The respondents will be randomly selected adult licensed drivers. An estimated 1,100 responses will be necessary to conduct the analysis.

Estimated Burden per Response: Each response is estimated to take less than five minutes. It is planned that each respondent will be asked up to 10 specific questions concerning highway safety.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: The estimated total annual burden is 92 hours (1,100 responses x 5 minutes per response).

Frequency: This initial study will help the FHWA establish a baseline for determining the public's awareness of truck and bus limitations, "share the road" highway safety issues, and the No-Zone campaign's messages. The same information will be collected in 3 to 5 years to assess improvements in public awareness as a result of "share the road" public outreach efforts.

Public Comments Invited

Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including, but not limited to: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FHWA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.