

for protecting the freedom of navigation with due consideration being given to the quality of the human environment and by taking a balanced approach to total transportation systems, both land and water modes. The Coast Guard must ensure that proposed bridge projects provide for the reasonable needs of present and prospective marine transportation. Interested and affected parties are requested to express their views, in writing, on the impacts of the construction of the proposed bridges on navigation and the quality of the human environment, including impacts on historic, recreational, endangered species, and wetlands, giving sufficient detail to establish a clear understanding of their reasons for support or opposition to the proposed work.

#### Procedural

Individuals and representatives of organizations that wish to present testimony at either Hearing or who want to be placed on the project mailing list, may submit a request to Ms. Norine Walker, P.E., at the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Center, 1800 Duke Street, Suite 200, Alexandria, Virginia 22314 or 6009 Oxon Hill Road, Suite 410, Oxon Hill, Maryland 20745. Requests to speak should be received no later than February 1, 2000 in order to ensure proper schedule of the hearing. Attendees at the hearing who wish to present testimony and have not previously made a request to do so, will follow those on the previously established list. Brochures and forms for written comments will be sent to those on the mailing list. Written statements and other exhibits in lieu of or in addition to oral presentation at the Hearing may be submitted to Ms. Walker at the address under **ADDRESSES** until February 25, 2000, in order to be included in the Public Hearing Transcript.

#### Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

Appropriate auxiliary aids and services for qualified individuals with disabilities or non-English speaking persons will be provided upon request. Please submit requests for these services to Ms. Norine Walker, at the address under **ADDRESSES** in writing or by calling either of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Centers at 703-519-9800 or 301-686-0000 or fax request to 703-548-4593 or 301-868-0001 or teletype to 1-800-735-2258 (MD Statewide toll free). Any requests for an oral or sign language interpreter must be received by February 1, 2000.

Dated: December 30, 1999.

**George K. Frick, Jr.,**

*Acting Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration.*

**Terry M. Cross,**

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Director of Operations Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[USCG 1999-6722]

### Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC) and its working groups will meet to discuss various issues relating to the training and fitness of merchant marine personnel. MERPAC advises the Secretary of Transportation on matters relating to the training, qualifications, licensing, certification and fitness of seamen serving in the U.S. merchant marine. All meetings will be open to the public.

**DATES:** MERPAC will meet on Tuesday, January 25, 2000, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Wednesday, January 26, 2000, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. These meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before January 11, 2000. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee should reach the Coast Guard on or before January 4, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** MERPAC will meet on both days in Room A-300 of the Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies (MITAGS), 5700 Hammonds Ferry Road, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090. Further directions regarding the location of MITAGS may be obtained by contacting Ms. Kate Gossard of MITAGS at (410) 859-5700. 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:** 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](mailto:mgould@comdt.uscg.mil).

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

### Agenda of January 25, 2000, 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), specifically addressing the Assessment of Proficiencies as Mandated by the Amended 1995 STCW Convention; the working group on the Methods of Demonstrating Competence in Crisis Management and Human Behavior, and; the working group on Simulator Standards for Demonstrating Competence in Ratings Forming Part of a Navigational Watch. 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 January 26, 2000, Meeting

The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Introduction.
- (2) Working Group Reports.
  - (a) Assessment of Proficiencies as Mandated by the Amended 1995 STCW Convention
  - (b) Methods of Demonstrating Competence in Crisis Management and Human Behavior
  - (c) Simulator Standards for Demonstrating Competence in Ratings Forming Part of a Navigational Watch
- (3) Other items to be discussed:
  - (a) Standing Committee—Prevention Through People
  - (b) STCW developments
  - (c) 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 January 11, 2000. Written material for distribution at a meeting should also reach the Coast Guard no later than January 11, 2000. 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 January 4, 2000.

#### **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: December 21, 1999.

**Joseph J. Angelo,**

*Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

#### **Acceptance of Noise Exposure Maps for Lanai Airport, Lanai City, HA**

**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 Hawaii, Department of Transportation, for Lanai 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 December 23, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David J. Welhouse, Airport Planner, Federal Aviation Administration, Honolulu Airports District Office, P.O. Box 50244, Honolulu, Hawaii 96850-0001, Telephone 808/541-1243, Street Address: Federal Building, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 7-128, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813. Documents reflecting this FAA action may be reviewed at this same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice announces that the FAA finds that the noise exposure maps submitted for Lanai Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements of Part 150, effective December 23, 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 in 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 Hawaii, Department of Transportation. The specific maps under consideration are Figure 4-1, "Base Year (1999) Noise Exposure Map" and Figure 5-1, "5-Year (2004) Noise Exposure Map," in the submission. The FAA has determined that the maps for the Lanai Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements. This determination is effective on December 23, 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 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 150.16 of FAR Part 150, that the statutorily required consultation has been accomplished.

Copies of the noise exposure maps and of the FAA's evaluation of the maps are available for examination at the following locations:

Federal Aviation Administration, Community and Environmental Needs Division, APP-600, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20591.

Federal Aviation Administration, Western-Pacific Region, Airports Division, AWP-600, 15000 Aviation Boulevard, Room 3012, Hawthorne, California 90261

Federal Aviation Administration, Honolulu Airports District Office, Federal Building, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 7-128, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Airports Division, District Office Manager, Kahului Airport, Kahului, Maui, Hawaii 96732

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

Issued in Hawthorne, California on December 23, 1999.

**Ellsworth L. Chan,**

*Acting Manager, Airports Division, AWP-600, Western-Pacific Region.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

[Summary Notice No. PE-99-46]

#### **Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received; Dispositions of Petitions Issued**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of petitions for exemption received and of dispositions of prior petitions.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption (14 CFR Part 11), this notice contains a summary of certain petitions seeking relief from specified requirements of the Federal Aviation