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Executive Director, Advisory Committee for Studies of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union.

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Notice of Briefing

The Department of State announces that Under Secretary for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs Joan Spero will host the first of what are anticipated to be quarterly briefings on U.S. foreign policy economic sanctions programs. The briefing will be held on Monday, December 18, 1995, from 2:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m., in State Department conference room 1912, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, D.C.

This briefing will cover the sanctions regimes overseen by the State Department's Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, with a focus on Iran, Cuba, and narcotics-related programs. Country and regional desk officers will be on hand to address inquiries regarding programs operating in other countries as well.

Please Note: Persons intending to attend the December 18 briefing must announce this not later than 48 hours before the briefing, and preferably further in advance, to the Department of State by sending a fax to 202-647-3953 (Office of the Coordinator for Business Affairs). The announcement must include name, company or association name, Social Security number and date of birth. The above includes government and non-government attendees. One of the following valid photo ID's will be required for admittance: U.S. driver's license with picture, U.S. passport, U.S. government ID (company ID's are no longer accepted by Diplomatic Security). Enter from the C Street Main Lobby.

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David A. Ruth,

Senior Coordinator for Business Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of Commercial Space Transportation

[Docket OST-95-852]

Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement; Commercial Expendable Launch Vehicle Operations

AGENCY: Office of Commercial Space Transportation (OCST), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of intent and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Commercial Space Transportation (OCST) intends to prepare a programmatic environmental impact statement (EIS) to address the environmental impact of commercial expendable launch vehicle operations. This action is necessary to update an environmental assessment the Office prepared in 1986. An EIS will encompass topics not previously addressed.

DATES: Comments must be submitted no later than December 27, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Docket Clerk, Docket OST-95-852, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Room PL-401, Washington DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Nikos Himaras, Office of Commercial Space Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. (202) 366-2929.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commercial Space Launch Act of 1984, as recodified at 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IX—Commercial Space Transportation, ch. 701, Commercial Space Launch Activities, 49 U.S.C. §§ 70101-70119 (1994) (the Act) grants the Secretary of Transportation the authority to license and regulate commercial launches of launch vehicles and the operation of launch sites within the United States or as carried out by its citizens. The Secretary has delegated this authority to the Office of Commercial Space Transportation (OCST).

Because licensing constitutes a major Federal action, section 415.31 of OCST's licensing regulations (14 CFR ch III) states that the potential environmental impacts of licensing commercial launch activities must be considered by the Office in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq. (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations, 40 C.F.R. §§ 1500-1508, and Department of Transportation Procedures for Considering

Environmental Impacts, DOT Order 5610.1C.

A programmatic environmental assessment (EA) of commercial expendable launch vehicle programs (Programmatic EA) was prepared by OCST in February 1986, and has served as a basis for licensing determinations for commercial launches to date. Commercial expendable launch vehicle operations encompass a variety of launch vehicle technologies and a number of launch sites and systems. Expendable launch vehicles are one-use launch systems utilized to carry payloads to orbit or to suborbital trajectories. They include such launch vehicles as the Black Brant, Atlas, Delta, Pegasus, and Taurus families of rockets. They employ liquid fueled engines and solid rocket motors as booster stages. They also utilize on-board guidance systems which rely on chemical batteries and power cells. Ground-controlled, flight/thrust termination systems containing explosives and powered by batteries, are also integral parts of launch vehicles. These systems are used to protect persons and property on the surface of the earth from errant launch vehicles. Launch vehicle payloads usually contain propulsion and power systems similar to those found on launch vehicles.

Several factors warrant the preparation of a programmatic EIS to replace the 1986 EA. The commercial launch industry has grown significantly since 1986, and this trend is projected to continue. New launch vehicle technologies, propulsion systems, and associated fuels and oxidizers have been introduced and are under development. Additionally, environmental regulations have been issued or amended since the publication of the Programmatic EA in 1986. Lastly, significant research discoveries have been made since 1986 concerning ozone. These developments merit the more expansive review of an EIS. This review will allow OCST to continue to evaluate commercial applications for licenses for launch activities and ensure that the information used as a basis for a license determination is current.

The programmatic EIS for commercial expendable launch vehicle operations will evaluate a broader range of launch vehicle technologies, their propulsion systems, fuels, and oxidizers. Potential environmental impacts to terrestrial, water, and particularly atmospheric environments from launches, combustion by-products, noise, and other effects will be assessed. The programmatic EIS will examine potential environmental impacts from commercial launches broadly, without

site-specific consideration of launch locations. Analysis of potential environmental impacts from construction and launch operations at the proposed commercial launch sites will be completed through site-specific environmental assessments or impact statements.

Alternatives to the proposed commercial launch actions include either a total ban to launch activity or less restrictive approaches such as limits on the number of launches, the size or performance of the launch vehicles, and restrictions to launch mission profiles designed to limit the scope of environmental consequences of commercial launch activities. Constraints would be designed to mitigate the potential impacts on air, water, and land resources, biotic resources and affected communities both adjacent to and downrange from the launch site. The Programmatic EA of Commercial Expendable Launch Vehicle Programs issued in 1986, identified conditions which might result in potentially significant impacts. It addresses, for example, the effects of expendable launch vehicle exhaust products to the upper atmosphere, the release of liquid propellants to the marine environment and the leaching of contaminants from a launch facility to ground water. The Office will address any reasonable alternatives presented during the scoping process and subsequent comment periods. OCST requests that written comments on significant environmental issues be provided by interested parties. No public scoping meeting is scheduled at this time.

The content of comments from the public will determine whether this meeting is convened. Copies of the 1986 Programmatic Environmental Assessment may be obtained from the Office.

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Frank C. Weaver,

Director, Office of Commercial Space Transportation.

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Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting on Training and Qualifications

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of the Federal Aviation Administration Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to discuss training and qualifications issues.

DATES: The meeting will be held on December 14, 1995 at noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Regional Airlines Association, second floor presentation room, 1200 19th St. NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. Judi Citrenbaum, (202) 267-9689, Office of Rulemaking, (ARM-100) 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591 or Ms. Regina Jones, (202) 267-9822 of the same office.

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 Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) to discuss training and qualifications issues. This meeting will be held December 14, 1995, at noon, at the Regional Airlines Association. The agenda for this meeting will include a progress report from the Aircraft Dispatcher Working Group. In addition, ARAC will vote on whether to accept a task the FAA assigned in November 1994 in which ARAC was requested to evaluate and recommend a course of action regarding comments received on the Operator Flight Attendant English Language Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking [59 FR 1845; April 18, 1994].

Attendance is open to the interested public but may be limited to the space available. The public must make arrangements in advance to present oral statements at the meeting or may present statements to the committee at any time. In addition, sign and oral interpretation can be made available at the meeting, as well as an assistive listening device, if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting. Arrangements may be made by contacting the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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H. Jan Demuth,

Acting Assistant Executive Director for Training and Qualifications, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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Notice of Intent to Rule on Application (#96-03-I-00-SUN) to Impose and Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Friedman Memorial Airport, Submitted by Friedman Memorial Airport Authority, Hailey, ID

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to rule on application.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use PFC revenue at Friedman Memorial Airport under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 40117 and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 158).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 27, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: J. Wade Bryant, Manager; Seattle Airports District Office, SEA-ADO; Federal Aviation Administration; 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Suite 250; Renton, WA 98055-4056.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Richard T. Baird, Airport Manager at the following address: Friedman Memorial Airport Authority, P.O. Box 929, Hailey, ID 83333.

Air Carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to Friedman Memorial Airport, under section 158.23 of Part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sandra Simmons, (206) 227-2656; Seattle Airports District Office, SEA-ADO; Federal Aviation Administration; 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Suite 250; Renton, WA 98055-4056. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application (#96-03-I-00-SUN) to impose and use at Friedman Memorial Airport, under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 40117 and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

On November 17, 1995, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by Friedman Memorial Airport Authority, Hailey, Idaho, was substantially complete within the requirements of section 158.25 of Part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than February 20, 1996.

The following is a brief overview of the application.