

SUMMARY: On December 17, 1997 (62 FR 66038), the Nuclear Regulatory Commission published a notice of receipt of an amended petition for rulemaking filed by Peter G. Crane and requested public comment on the amended petition. In the amended petition for rulemaking, the petitioner seeks to amend NRC's emergency planning regulations to require consideration of sheltering, evacuation, and the prophylactic use of potassium iodide for the general public in developing a range of emergency planning protective actions. In addition, the petitioner has filed supplemental information in support of his amended petition which is available in the NRC Public Document Room. The comment period on the amended petition was to have expired on January 16, 1998. In response to several requests, the NRC has decided to extend the comment period for this action.

DATES: The comment period has been extended and now expires on February 17, 1998. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given except to those comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to: Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.

Deliver comments to 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays.

You may also provide comments via the NRC's interactive rulemaking website through the NRC home page (<http://www.nrc.gov>). This site provides the availability to upload comments as files (any format), if your web browser supports that function. For information about the interactive rulemaking website, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher, 301-415-5905; E-mail: CAG@nrc.gov.

For a copy of the amended petition, write: Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001. A copy of the amended petition and other documentation filed by the petitioner are also available for public inspection, and copying for a fee, in the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW (Lower Level), Washington, D.C.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Jamgochian, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, telephone: 301-415-6534, E-mail: MTJ1@nrc.gov; or Michael

T. Lesar, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, telephone: 301-415-7163 or Toll Free: 1-800-368-5642, E-mail: MTL@nrc.gov.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of January, 1998.

Annette Vietti-Cook,

Acting Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

10 CFR Part 430

Energy Efficiency Test Procedures for Distribution Transformers

[Docket Number EE-DET-97-550]

RIN 1904-AA85

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of public workshop.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) will hold an informal public workshop to discuss issues and gather information related to test procedures for electric distribution transformers. All persons are hereby given notice of the opportunity to attend this public workshop and to submit written comments.

DATES: The public workshop will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 1998, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 1E-245, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585.

Written comments are welcome, especially following the workshop. Please submit 10 copies (no faxes) to: Ms. Kathi Epping, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, "Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Test Procedures for Distribution Transformers, Docket No. EE-DET-97-550," EE-43, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-7425; Telefax: (202) 586-4617.

Copies of the transcript of the public workshop, public comments received, and this notice may be read (or copied) at the Freedom of Information Reading Room, U.S. Department of Energy,

Forrestal Building, Room 1E-190, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-7574, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathi Epping, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, EE-43, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 586-7425, email: Kathi.Epping@hq.doe.gov, or Edward Levy, Esq., U.S. Department of Energy, Office of General Counsel, GC-72, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9507, email: Edward.Levy@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 22, 1997, the Secretary determined, based on the best information currently available, that energy conservation standards for electric distribution transformers are technologically feasible, economically justified, and would result in a significant energy savings. This determination initiated the process of establishing, by notice and comment rulemaking, test procedures and energy conservation standards for this product.

The Department of Energy is drafting a proposed rule to implement the provisions of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, 42 U.S.C. 6317, for test procedures for distribution transformers. However, several issues have been raised. The purpose of the public workshop is to discuss the following issues for developing the notice of proposed rulemaking:

- a. Adoption of national and international consensus standards in the test procedures for determining energy efficiency of distribution transformers;
- b. Burden imposed on industry, especially on manufacturers, by additional testing and data processing;
- c. The definition of "basic model" for distribution transformers;
- d. Sampling plan for units to be tested;
- e. Selection of a measure of energy consumption for distribution transformers;
- f. Selecting reference temperatures—the reference temperatures in the consensus standards lack uniformity;
- g. Requirement for applying corrections to measurement data of both liquid-immersed and dry-types of transformers; and
- h. Requirement for quality assurance in testing.

The Department has prepared a paper entitled "Issues Paper for the Distribution Transformers Test Procedures Workshop on February 10, 1998" that explains and discusses these

issues in greater detail. For many of the issues, the paper sets forth approaches that the Department is considering and may propose in the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR). In addition, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has prepared a draft set of test procedures for transformers, and the Department is considering these as well in preparing the NPR. Copies of the issues paper and the NIST draft are available upon request.

The Department is particularly interested in receiving at the workshop comments and views of interested parties concerning (1) the above-listed issues, (2) the approaches the Department is considering for addressing these issues, (3) the NIST draft of test procedures, and (4) possible alternatives to the approaches the Department is considering and to the provisions in NIST's draft test procedures. The Department encourages those who wish to participate in the workshop to obtain the issue paper and the NIST draft, and to make presentations that address their contents. Workshop participants need not limit their statements to those topics, however. The Department is interested in receiving views concerning other issues that participants believe would affect the content of distribution transformer test procedures.

The meeting will be conducted in an informal, conference style. A court reporter will be present to record the minutes of the meeting. There shall be no discussion of proprietary information, costs or prices, market shares, or other commercial matters regulated by antitrust law. After the meeting and a period for written statements, the Department will consider the views presented in formulating a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding energy efficiency test procedures for distribution transformers.

If you would like to participate in the workshop, to receive workshop materials, or to be added to the DOE mailing list to receive future notices and information regarding distribution transformers, please contact Ms. Brenda Edwards-Jones at (202) 586-2945.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 14, 1998.

Dan W. Reicher,

Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 97-CE-127-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Stemme GmbH & Co. KG Models S10 and S10-V Sailplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) that would apply to certain Stemme GmbH & Co. KG (Stemme) Models S10 and S10-V sailplanes. The proposed AD would require replacing the horizontal stabilizer rear fittings with parts of improved design. The proposed AD is the result of mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) issued by the airworthiness authority for Germany. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent structural failure of the horizontal stabilizer caused by cracked rear fittings, which could result in reduced sailplane controllability.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 97-CE-127-AD, Room 1558, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. Comments may be inspected at this location between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, holidays excepted.

Service information that applies to the proposed AD may be obtained from Stemme GmbH & Co. KG, Gustav-Meyer-Allee 25, D-13355 Berlin, Germany; telephone: 49.33.41.31.11.70; facsimile: 49.33.41.31.11.73. This information also may be examined at the Rules Docket at the address above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mike Kiesov, Aerospace Engineer, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, FAA, 1201 Walnut, suite 900, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone (816) 426-6934; facsimile (816) 426-2169.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to participate in the making of the proposed rule by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as

they may desire. Communications should identify the Rules Docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address specified above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments, specified above, will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposals contained in this notice may be changed in light of the comments received.

Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the proposed rule. All comments submitted will be available, both before and after the closing date for comments, in the Rules Docket for examination by interested persons. A report that summarizes each FAA-public contact concerned with the substance of this proposal will be filed in the Rules Docket.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments submitted in response to this notice must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket No. 97-CE-127-AD." The postcard will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

Availability of NPRMs

Any person may obtain a copy of this NPRM by submitting a request to the FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 97-CE-127-AD, Room 1558, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

Discussion

The Luftfahrt-Bundesamt (LBA), which is the airworthiness authority for Germany, notified the FAA that an unsafe condition may exist on certain Stemme S10 and S10-V sailplanes. The LBA reports that operational loads are causing internal stress on the welds of the rear fitting of the horizontal stabilizer of the above-referenced sailplanes.

This condition, if not detected and corrected, could result in failure of the horizontal stabilizer with possible reduced sailplane controllability.

Relevant Service Information

Stemme has issued Service Bulletin No. A31-10-022, dated August 16, 1996, which specifies procedures for inspecting the horizontal stabilizer rear fittings for cracks and replacing any cracked fittings with parts of improved design obtained from Stemme; and also specifies revising the maintenance manual.