

recommendations, prior to proceeding with the work stated in item 3 below.

3. Draft appropriate regulatory documents with supporting economic and other required analyses, and/or any other related guidance material or collateral documents the working group determines to be appropriate; or, if new or revised requirements or compliance methods are not recommended, a draft report stating the rationale for not making such recommendations. If the resulting recommendation is one or more notices of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) published by the FAA, the FAA may ask ARAC to recommend disposition of any substantive comments the FAA receives.

4. Provide a status report at each meeting of ARAC held to consider transport airplane and engine issues.

The Secretary of Transportation has determined that the formation and use of ARAC are necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the FAA by law.

Meetings of ARAC will be open to the public. Meetings of the Loads and Dynamics Harmonization Working Group will not be open to the public, except to the extent that individuals with an interest and expertise are selected to participate. No public announcement of working group meetings will be made.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and To Conduct Scoping for Proposed Air Traffic Control Procedures and Airspace Modifications for Aircraft Entering and Existing the Chicago and Milwaukee Airspace Areas

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and to Conduct Public Scoping.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Great Lakes Region, is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared and considered to evaluate proposed air

traffic control procedures and airspace modifications for aircraft entering and exiting the Chicago and Milwaukee Terminal Radar Approach Control airspace areas. To ensure that all significant issues related to the proposed action are identified, public scoping will be held.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Annette Davis, Federal Aviation Administration, Great Lakes Region, Air Traffic Division, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60018, 847-294-7832.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA will prepare an EIS to evaluate proposed air traffic control procedures and airspace modifications as identified by the Chicago Terminal Airspace Project (CTAP). The purpose of the proposed changes is to improve traffic flows and reduce airborne and ground delays during peak periods. The proposed changes would enhance safety and efficiency by maximizing controller flexibility and simplifying operations for pilots.

The primary focus of the proposed project is the transfer of portions of the Chicago Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) airspace to Chicago Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) airspace along the existing high-altitude arrival gateways. Components of the proposal also include:

- One additional high-altitude arrival route, two modified arrival routes, and more flexible use of existing departure corridors for Chicago O'Hare International Airport
- A more direct route for arrival aircraft from the northwest and northeast destined for Chicago Midway Airport, Chicago Meigs Airport, Gary Airport, and other general aviation/reliever airports
- One new high-altitude arrival route separating Milwaukee General Mitchell Airport and reliever/satellite airport traffic

The proposed changes would occur within a widespread area and include primary and reliever airports in northeast Illinois, southern Wisconsin, and northwest Indiana. Because there exists a potential to generate noise impacts, the FAA has made a decision to initiate the EIS process. The FAA retains the option to terminate the EIS process and issue an Environmental Assessment (EA) with a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) if warranted, based on the environmental review process.

**Public Scoping:** The purpose of scoping is to ensure that the full range of issues related to a proposed project

are addressed and all significant issues are identified. In this endeavor, comments and suggestions are invited from Federal, State, and local agencies, and other interested parties. Copies of materials regarding the proposed project may be obtained from the information contact listed above.

Information is also available on the Internet at the web site address <http://www.faa.gov/ctap.html>.

To facilitate understanding of the proposed project and receipt of comments from the public, two scoping meetings will be held on Monday, September 28, 1998. The first meeting, for community representatives, locally elected officials, and special interest groups, will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Federal Aviation Administration Great Lakes Regional Office, 2300 E. Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, IL, 60018, Room 453. A second meeting, for resource agencies will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Federal Aviation Administration Great Lakes Regional Office, 2300 E. Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, IL, 60018, Room 453. A workshop for the general public will be held Thursday, October 1, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Federal Aviation Administration Great Lakes Regional Office, 2300 E. Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, IL, 60018, Room 166/170.

Written comments may be mailed to Ms. Annette Davis, AGL-520.E, Federal Aviation Administration, Great Lakes Region, Air Traffic Division, 2300 E. Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, IL, 60018, prior to October 16, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### RTCA; Joint Special Committee 190/ EUROCAE Working Group 52

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 Joint Special Committee (SC)-190/EUROCAE Working Group (WG)-52 meeting to be held September 14-18, 1998, starting at 8:30 a.m. each day. The meeting will be held at Hotel Le Domain de Mousquety, 84800, L'Isle sur la Sorgue, France. The hotel phone number is 011 33 04 90 38