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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or to submit written comments or information, please contact Mary Frances Lowe, U.S. Department of State, OES/ENV, Room 4325, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20520. Phone (202) 736-4660, fax (202) 647-5947. A public docket is also available for review (OSHA docket H-022H).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of State is announcing a public meeting of the interagency committee concerned with the international harmonization of chemical hazard classification and labeling systems (an effort often referred to as the "globally harmonized system" or GHS). The purpose of the meeting is to provide interested groups and individuals with an update on activities since the August 5, 1998, public meeting, a preview of upcoming international meetings, and an opportunity to submit additional information and comments for consideration in developing U.S. Government positions. Representatives of the following agencies participate in the interagency group: the Department of State, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Transportation, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Food and Drug Administration, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Agriculture, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

The Agenda of the public meeting will include:

1. Introduction

2. Reports on Recent International Meetings

—Seventh Meeting of the Advisory Group on Harmonization of Classification and Labelling, September 1-2, Paris, France. This meeting focused on discussion of classification criteria proposals for health and environmental endpoints, including skin and eye irritation/corrosion, target organ toxicity, reproductive toxicity, aquatic toxicity, acute toxicity, and the review of an integrated document comprised of introductory sections on cross-cutting issues and individual chapters on each covered endpoint. The goal was to identify, define and where possible resolve issues in the integrated proposal and other documents in preparation for the high level OECD

meeting, described below. Key remaining issues include acute, aquatic, reproductive and target organ toxicity and the integrated proposal.

—OECD High Level Meeting of the Advisory Group, September 3-4, Paris, France. Participants in this meeting were senior level officials charged with reaching agreement on a package of OECD classification criteria for submission to and approval by the OECD Joint Meeting on Chemicals, now planned for November 4-6. Building on the work of the Seventh Advisory Group, the High Level Meeting reached consensus on the content of the integrated proposal and classification criteria for eight health and environmental hazards: acute toxicity, carcinogenicity, germ cell mutagenicity, eye irritation/corrosion, reproductive toxicity, sensitization, and skin irritation/corrosion. The November OECD Joint Meeting will consider a revised integrated proposal containing chapters for each covered endpoint.

3. Preparation for Upcoming Meetings

Participants will outline preparations for upcoming GHS meetings, including meetings of the Inter-Organization Program for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC) Coordinating Group for the Harmonization of Chemical Classification Systems, and OECD Working Group on Mixtures, and the IOMC/International Labour Organisation Working Group on Hazard Communications. These groups will meet in early 1999.

4. Public Comments

5. Concluding Remarks

Interested parties are invited to submit their comments as soon as possible for consideration in the development of U.S. positions and to present their views orally and/or in writing at the public meeting. Participants may address other topics relating to harmonization of chemical classification and labeling systems and are particularly invited to identify issues of concern to specific sectors that may be affected by the GHS. Participants who attended and participated in recent international sessions may also offer their observations on the results of the sessions.

All written comments will be placed in the public document (OSHA docket H-022H). The docket is open from 10 am until 4 pm, Monday through Friday, and is located at the Department of Labor, Room 2625, 200 Constitution

Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. (Telephone: 202-219-7894; Fax: 202-219-5046). The public may also consult the docket to review previous **Federal Register** notices, comments received, Questions and Answers about the GHS, a response to comments on the April 3, 1997, **Federal Register** notice, and other relevant documents.

Dated: September 21, 1998.

Michael Metelits,

Director, Office of Environmental Policy, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

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National Boating Safety Advisory Council

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC) and its subcommittees on boat occupant protection, navigation lights, personal flotation device-life saving index, and prevention through people will meet to discuss various issues relating to recreational boating safety. All meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: NBSAC will meet on Monday, October 26, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, October 27 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The Personal Flotation Device-Live Saving Index and Navigation Light Subcommittees will meet on Saturday, October, 24, 1998, from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Boat Occupant Protection Subcommittee will meet on Sunday, October 25, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and the Prevention Through People Subcommittee will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. These meetings may close early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before October 15, 1998. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittees should reach the Coast Guard on or before October 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: NBSAC will meet at the Wyndham Washington DC Hotel, 1400 M Street, NW, Washington, DC. The subcommittee meetings will be held at the same address. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Mr. Albert J. Marmo, Commandant (G-OPB-1), U.S. Coast Guard

Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001. You may obtain a copy of this notice by calling the U.S. Coast Guard Infoline at 1-800-368-5647. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> or at the Web Site for the Office of Boating Safety at URL address www.uscgbating.org/.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this notice, contact Albert J. Marmo, Executive Director of NBSAC, telephone 202-267-0950, fax 202-267-4285. For questions on viewing, or submitting material to, 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.

Agendas of Meetings

National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC). The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Executive Director's report.
 - (2) Chairman's session.
 - (3) Personal Flotation Device-Life Saving Index Subcommittee report.
 - (4) Navigation Light Subcommittee report.
 - (5) Boat Occupant Protection Subcommittee report.
 - (6) Recreational Boating Safety Program report.
 - (7) Reports on Coast Guard Search and Rescue, Aids to Navigation, Law Enforcement and Bridge Administration Programs.
 - (8) Council discussion of Federal requirements for education in recreational boating safety moderated by the Prevention Through People Subcommittee.
 - (9) Council discussion of Federal requirements for wearing personal flotation devices moderated by the Personal Flotation Device-Life Saving Index Subcommittee.
 - (10) Presentation on the results of boat occupant protection studies.
 - (11) Presentation on the results of personal flotation device (PFD) wear rate study.
 - (12) Vessel Identification System demonstration and discussion.
 - (13) National Association of State Boating Law Administrators report.
 - (14) Canadian Coast Guard Office of Boating Safety report.
 - (15) Presentation on recreational boating safety national outreach campaigns.
- Boat Occupant Protection Subcommittee. The agenda includes the following:

(1) Review and discuss boat occupant protection study results and issues.

(2) Discuss risk management and human factors initiatives.

(3) Discuss propeller injury prevention study results.

(4) Discuss proposals regarding requirements to wear a helmet on personal watercraft (PWC), and for installation of a shroud on PWC extending from the engine cowling.

Navigation Light Subcommittee. The agenda includes the following:

(1) Review and discuss rulemaking to place navigation lights under regulatory control.

(2) Discuss the need for and parameters of a navigation light visibility study considering available applicable information.

(3) Review any new standards which address design, construction, and installation of navigation lights applicable to recreational boats.

Personal Flotation Device-Life Saving Index Subcommittee. The agenda includes the following:

(1) Review and discuss comments received in response to a Coast Guard Federal Register notice of request for comments concerning Federal requirements for wearing personal flotation devices. Identify issues for discussion by the full Council.

(2) Discuss status of development of the life saving index.

(3) Discuss the status of inflatable PFD inflation systems, and approval of automatic inflating PFDs.

(4) Discuss strategies for improving public awareness of the capabilities of the different types of personal flotation devices.

Prevention Through People Subcommittee. The agenda includes the following:

(1) Review and discuss comments received in response to a Coast Guard Federal Register notice of request for comments concerning Federal requirements for education in recreational boating safety. Identify issues for discussion by the full Council.

Procedural

All meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meeting may close 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 October 15, 1998. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than October 15, 1998. 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 October 9, 1998.

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: September 18, 1998.

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Assistant Commandant for Operations.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Rule on Application (98-02-C-00-GUC) To Impose and Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Gunnison County Airport, Submitted by the County of Gunnison, Gunnison, CO

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 Gunnison County Airport under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 40117 and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 26, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Mr. Alan Wiechmann, Manager; Denver Airports District Office; Federal Aviation Administration; 26805 E. 68th Avenue, Suite 224; Denver, CO 80249-6361. In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Rex A. Tippetts, Airport Manager, at the following address: 711 Rio Grande Avenue, Building B, Gunnison, Colorado 81230.

Air Carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to Gunnison County Airport, under § 158.23 of part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Chris Schaffer, (303) 342-1258, 26805 E. 68th Avenue, Suite 224; Denver, CO 80249-6361. The