

Items of discussion will include the following:

- a. Review of results from SLF 42,
- b. Harmonization of damage stability provisions in the IMO instruments,
- c. Safety aspects of ships engaged in a ballast water exchange,
- d. Revision of the technical regulations of Load Lines Convention, and
- e. Development of the damage consequence diagrams for inclusion in damage control plan guidelines.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Mr. Paul Cojeen, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Commandant (G-MSE-2), Room 1308, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling (202) 267-2988.

Dated: March 2, 1999.

Stephen M. Miller,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2997]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Meeting

The U.S. Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, April 8, 1999, in Room 2415 at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. The purpose of this meeting is twofold: (1) to report on the results of the Diplomatic Conference on the Arrest of Ships, held March 01-12, 1999 in Geneva; and (2) to prepare for the Seventy Ninth Session of the International Maritime Organization Legal Committee (LEG 79), to be held April 19-23, 1999 in London.

This SHC meeting will address the following topics: the Convention on the Arrest of ships; the draft IMO Code or Guidelines on Shipowners' Responsibilities in Respect of Maritime Claims; the draft Protocol to the Athens Convention relating to passenger claims; a draft convention regarding bunker fuel spills; and a draft convention regarding wreck removal.

Members of the U.S. Delegation to LEG 79 will be attending a meeting, in London on April 16, regarding international efforts at ratification and implementation of the Hazardous and Noxious Substances Convention, adopted in London in May, 1996. This

SHC meeting will be a further opportunity for interested members of the public to express their views on whether the United States should ratify the HNS Convention.

Members of the public are invited to attend the SHC meeting, up to the seating capacity of the room. For further information, or to submit views in advance of the meeting, please contact Captain Malcolm J. Williams, Jr., or Lieutenant William G. Rospars, U.S. Coast Guard, Office of Maritime and International Law (G-LMI), 2100 Second Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20593-0001; telephone (202) 267-1527; fax (202) 267-4496.

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Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee 2.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Noise Exposure Map Notice; Receipt of Noise Compatibility Program and Request for Review, Oakland County International Airport, Pontiac, MI

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its determination that the Noise Exposure Maps (NEMs) submitted by Oakland County International Airport under the provisions of Title I of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (Pub. L. 96-193) and 14 CFR Part 150 are in compliance with applicable requirements. The FAA also announces that it is reviewing a proposed Noise Compatibility Program (NCP) that was submitted for Oakland County International Airport under Part 150 in conjunction with the NEMs, and that this program will be approved or disapproved on or before August 25, 1999.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of the FAA's determination on the NEMs and of the start of its review of the associated NCP is February 26, 1999. The public comment period ends April 27, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Federal Aviation Administration, Great Lakes Region, Detroit Airports District Office, Willow Run Airport, East, 8820 Beck Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111, to the attention of Mr. Gary Migut,

Program Manager, (734) 487-7278. Comments on the proposed NCP should also be submitted to the above office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA finds that the NEMs submitted for Oakland County International Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements of Part 150, effective February 26, 1999. The FAA is reviewing an NCP for Oakland County International Airport, which will be approved or disapproved on or before August 25, 1999. This notice also announces the availability of this program for public review and comment.

Under Section 103 of Title I of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), an airport operator may submit to the FAA NEMs 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 NEMs that are found by the 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 an NCP for FAA approval that 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.

Oakland County International Airport submitted to the FAA on February 24, 1999, the NEMs, descriptions, and other documentation, which were produced during the proposed Oakland County International Airport NCP, dated February 23, 1999. It was requested that the FAA review this material as the NEMs, as described in section 103(a)(1) of the ACT, and that the noise mitigation measures, to be implemented jointly by the airport and surrounding communities, be approved as an NCP under section 104(b) of the Act.

The FAA has completed its review of the NEMs and related description submitted by the Oakland International Airport. The FAA has determined that the NEMs for Oakland County International Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements. This determination is effective on February

26, 1999. The FAA's determination on an airport operator's NEMs 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 an NCP 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 the 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 150.21 of FAR Part 150, that the statutorily required consultation has been accomplished.

The FAA has formally received the NCP for Oakland County International Airport, also effective on February 26, 1999. Preliminary review of the submitted material indicates that it conforms to the requirements for the submittal of NCPs, but that further review will be necessary prior to approval or disapproval of the program. The formal review period, limited by law to a maximum of 180 days, will be completed on or before August 25, 1999.

The FAA's detailed evaluation will be conducted under the provisions of 14 CFR Part 150, section 150.33. The primary considerations in the evaluation process are whether the proposed measures may reduce the level of aviation safety, create an undue burden on interstate or foreign commerce, or be reasonably consistent with obtaining the goal of reducing existing noncompatible land uses and

preventing the introduction of additional noncompatible land uses.

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed program with specific reference to these factors. All comments, other than those properly addressed to local land use authorities, will be considered by the FAA to the extent practicable. Copies of the notice exposure maps and of the FAA's evaluation of the maps are available for examination at the following locations: Federal Aviation Administration, Great Lakes Region, Airports Division Office, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Room 269, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018
Federal Aviation Administration, Detroit Airports District Office, Willow Run Airport, East, 8820 Beck Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111
Mr. Karl Randall, Manager of Aviation, Oakland County International Airport, 6500 Highland Road, Waterford, Michigan 48327-1649.

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

Issued in Belleville, Michigan, on February 26, 1999.

Ernest P. Gubry,

Acting Assistant Manager, Detroit Airports District Office FAA Great Lakes Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Environmental Impact Statement; Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport, Atlanta, GA

SUMMARY: The FAA intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to address environmental and related impacts expected to be associated with the extension of a fifth runway and associated improvements at Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport located at Atlanta, Georgia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Terry Washington, Federal Aviation Administration, Atlanta, Airports District Office, 1701 Columbia Avenue, Suite 2-260, College Park, Georgia 30337-2747 (404) 305-7143.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: an environmental assessment resulting in a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was completed in 1994 for a 6,000-foot fifth runway south of the airport. The FAA will now prepare an EIS for a proposed project to extend the fifth runway, resulting in a 9,000-foot unrestricted air carrier runway with

associated taxiways and other related facilities.

Construction of the proposed 6,000-foot runway will be ongoing while the EIS is underway.

The FAA plans to coordinate with Federal, State and local agencies which have jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impacts associate with the proposed project.

The EIS will also evaluate cumulative impacts anticipated to occur as a result of the implementation of other foreseeable future improvements at the Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport.

Public Scoping

The Federal Aviation Administration will hold a scoping meeting to solicit input from Federal, State, and local agencies which have jurisdiction by law or have a specific expertise with respect to any environmental impacts associated with the project. In addition, public scoping meetings will be held and the public may submit written comments on the scope of the environmental study to the address identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** paragraph. A Public Notice issued at a later date will provide the date, time and place of the scoping meetings and the period for written comments.

Issued in Atlanta, Georgia on March 1, 1999.

Scott Seritt,

Manager, Atlanta Airports District Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Delays in Processing of Exemption Applications

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: List of applications delayed more than 180 days.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5117(c), RSPA is publishing the following list of exemption applications that have been in process for 180 days or more. The reason(s) for delay and the expected completion date for action on each application is provided in association with each identified application.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

J. Suzanne Hedgepeth, Director, Office of Hazardous Materials, Exemptions and