

There are safety advocates who maintain that *any* unintentional release, large enough to be reportable, is a flag indicating safety risks or flaws in operating and handling procedures. Minimizing these releases, many experts argue, should be the goal of the regulatory agencies. Looking at all reported hazardous materials incidents—serious and non-serious—there has been an overall decline since the high of 16,000 in 1983, with the numbers fluctuating between fewer than 10,000 in 1990 to under 14,000 last year. Assessing changes in the total number of incidents to be used as a measure of effectiveness in conjunction with close integration of the incident reporting system in the entire process of hazardous materials intervention—from training, inspection, and enforcement—could be used by DOT to identify the underlying causes of many incidents.

In Focus Group Meeting #3, we are interested in gauging DOT's success and in developing appropriate measures or candidate measures. Questions related to this issue include:

- Are serious incidents the best measure of our success in reducing risk in hazardous materials transportation?
- Is the goal of reducing the number of serious incidents by a targeted amount the best alternative?
- Would trends in all unintentional releases of hazardous materials be a better indicator of how well we have succeeded in controlling the risk of hazardous materials in transportation?
- How can we best measure the success of the hazardous materials program? How would you evaluate the overall effectiveness of the hazardous materials intervention program in addressing the level of risk hazardous materials pose in transportation?

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for extension of currently approved collections. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on April 7, 1999. 64 FR 17055-17056.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before August 6, 1999. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Judy Street on (202) 267-9895.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

*Title:* Special Federal Aviation regulation (SFAR) 36, Department of Major Repair Data.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2120-0507.

*Forms(s):* N/A.

*Affected Public:* Aircraft maintenance, Commercial Aviation, Aircraft Repair Stations, Air Carriers, Air Taxi, and Commercial Operators.

*Abstract:* SFAR 36 allows authorized certificate holders to approve aircraft product and articles for return to service after accomplishing major repairs using data developed by the holder that have not been directly approved by the FAA.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 530 burden hours annually.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention FAA Desk Officer.

#### Comments Are Invited On

Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### RTCA, Special Committee 186; Automatic Dependent Surveillance—Broadcast (ADS-B)

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 Special Committee (SC)-186 meeting to be held July 26-30, 1999, starting at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at National Lucht- & Ruimtevaartlaboratorium (National Aerospace Laboratory), 1059 CM Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

The agenda will include: July 26: Working Group (WG)-1, Conflict Detection and Resolution. July 27-28: WG-1, Conflict Detection and Resolution; WG-4, Application Technical Requirements.

Joint RTCA SC-186/EUROCAE WG-51 Plenary Session, July 29-30, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.: Chairman's Introductory Remarks; (2) Review of the Meeting Agenda; (3) Review and Approval of the Relevant Meeting Minutes; (4) Status of Actions; (5) SC-186 Activity Report and Committee Roadmap; (6) WG-51 Report; (7) 1090 Minimum Operational Performance Standards (MOPS) Development; (8) VDL4 MOPS Development; (9) SC-186/WG-1 Report; (10) SC-186/WG-4 Report; (11) Automatic Dependent Surveillance Minimum Aviation System Performance Standard—Status and Plans (12) WG-51/SC-186 Applications Templates; (13) Safe Flight 21 Update; (14) EUROCONTROL ADS Programme; (15) Future Work Programme; (16) Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting; (17) Closing.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statement at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC, 20036; (202) 833-9339 (phone); (202) 833-9434 (fax); or <http://www/rtca/org> (web site). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.