

preempted by the Federal Government; and

d. Program measures relating to the use of flight procedures can be implemented within the period covered by the program without derogating safety, adversely affecting the efficient use and management of the navigable airspace and air traffic control systems, or adversely affecting other powers and responsibilities of the Administrator prescribed by law.

Specific limitations with respect to FAA's approval of an airport noise compatibility program are delineated in FAR Part 150, section 150.5. Approval is not a determination concerning the acceptability of land uses under Federal, state, or local law. Approval does not by itself constitute an FAA implementing action. A request for Federal action or approval to implement specific noise compatibility measures may be required, and an FAA decision on the request may require an environmental assessment of the proposed action. Approval does not constitute a commitment by the FAA to financially assist in the implementation of the program nor a determination that all measures covered by the program are eligible for grant-in-aid funding from the FAA. Where Federal funding is sought, requests for project grants must be submitted to the FAA Airports Division Office in Fort Worth, Texas.

On June 10, 1999, the FAA accepted from the city of Baton Rouge, Louisiana a proposed amendment to the previously approved noise compatibility plan. Notice of this acceptance was published in the **Federal Register** on June 17, 1999.

The amendment to the noise compatibility program adds an action element to purchase a noise navigation easement on certain noise-impacted properties from willing property owners. It was requested that the FAA evaluate and approve this material as an amendment noise compatibility program as described in Title 49. The FAA began its review of the program on June 10, 1999, and was required by a provision of the Act to approve or disapprove the program amendment within 180 days. Failure to approve or disapprove such a program amendment within the 180-day period shall be deemed to be an approval of such program.

The submitted program amendment contained one proposed action for noise mitigation off the airport. The FAA completed its review and determined that the procedural and substantive requirements of Title 49 and FAR Part 150 have been satisfied. The amendment to the program, therefore,

was approved by the Administrator effective December 1, 1999.

This determination is set forth in detail in a Record of Approval endorsed by the Administrator on December 1, 1999. The Record of Approval, as well as other evaluation materials and the documents comprising the submittal, are available at the FAA office listed above and at the administrative offices of the city of Baton Rouge, Louisiana's Aviation Department.

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Manager, Airports Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Special Committee 195; Flight Information Services Communications (FISC)

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)-195 meeting to be held January 5-6, 2000, starting at 8:30 a.m. each day. The meeting will be held at Allied Signal, 23500 West 105th Street, Olathe, Kansas.

The agenda will include: January 5: (1) Welcome and Introductions; (2) Agenda Overview; (3) Review of Summary of Previous Meeting; (4) Report from Working Group 1 on activities; (5) Review FIS-B MASPS Section 4.0, Procedures for Performance Requirements Verification, Development; (6) Review FIS-B MASPS Section 3.2.1, FIS Broadcast Network Interface and Appendix D, APDU Header Format; January 6: (7) Work on FIS-B MASPS Appendix E, Application Payload Encoding; (8) Review Action Items; (9) Date and Location of Next Meeting; (10) Other Business; (11) 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 statements 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.

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Janice L. Peters,

Designated Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. RSAC-96-1, Notice No. 19]

Railroad Safety Advisory Committee ("RSAC"); Working Group Activity Update

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Announcement of Railroad Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC) working group activities.

SUMMARY: FRA is updating its announcement of RSAC's working group activities to reflect the current status of working group activities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vicky McCully, RSAC Coordinator, FRA, 400 7th Street, SW Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493-6305 or Grady Cothen, Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards Program Development, FRA, 400 7th Street, SW, Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493-6302.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice serves to update FRA's last announcement of working group activities and status reports on April 6, 1999 (64 FR 16778). The twelfth full Committee meeting was held September 8, 1999. The next meeting of the full Committee is scheduled for January 28, 1999, at the Wyndham Hotel in Washington, DC.

Since its first meeting in April of 1996, the RSAC has accepted fifteen tasks. Status for each of the tasks is provided below:

Task 96-1—Revising the Freight Power Brake Regulations. This Task was formally withdrawn from the RSAC on June 24, 1997. FRA published an NPRM on September 9, 1998, reflective of what FRA had learned through the collaborative process. Two public hearings were conducted and a technical conference was held. The date for submission of written comments was extended to March 1, 1999. FRA is preparing a final rule. Contact: Thomas Hermann (202) 493-6036.

Task 96-2—Reviewing and recommending revisions to the Track Safety Standards (49 CFR Part 213). This task was accepted April 2, 1996, and a Working Group was established.