

proposed rule change (SR-CHX-99-26), is hereby approved on an accelerated basis.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>18</sup>

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Data Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Small Business Administration's intentions to request approval on a new, and/or currently approved information collection.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before April 3, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, whether the burden estimate is accurate, and if there are ways to minimize the estimated burden and enhance the quality of the collections, to Gregory Diercks, Y2K Loan Program Manager, Office of Financial Assistance, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, S.W., Suite 8100.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dorothy Davidson, Accountant, 202-205-7661 or Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, 202-205-7030.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* "Amendments to License Application".

*Form No:* 415C.

*Description of Respondents:* Small Business Investment Companies.

*Annual Responses:* 1,200.

*Annual Burden:* 300.

*Title:* "Request for Information Concerning Portfolio Financing".

*Form No:* 857.

*Description of Respondents:* Small Business Investment Companies.

*Annual Responses:* 2,160.

*Annual Burden:* 2,160.

*Title:* "Request for Information Concerning Portfolio Financing".

*Form No:* 860.

*Description of Respondents:* Small Business Investment Companies.

*Annual Responses:* 1,500.

*Annual Burden:* 750.

**Jacqueline White,**

*Chief, Administrative Information Branch.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

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#### Towing Safety Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) and its working groups will meet to discuss various issues relating to shallow-draft inland and coastal waterway navigation and towing safety. All meetings will be open to the public.

**DATES:** TSAC will meet on Thursday, March 16, 2000 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The working groups will meet on Wednesday, March 15, 2000, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 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 March 7, 2000. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or working groups should reach the Coast Guard on or before March 3, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** TSAC will meet in room 2415, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC. The working groups will begin meeting in the same room and may move to separate spaces designated at that time.

Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Mr. Gerald P. Miente, Commandant (G-MSO-1), Room 1210, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Gerald P. Miente, Assistant Executive Director, TSAC, telephone 202-267-0229, fax 202-267-4570, or e-mail at: [gmiante@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:gmiante@comdt.uscg.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

#### Agenda of Meeting

The agenda tentatively includes the following:

(1) Report of the Voyage Planning Work Group.

(2) Report of the Electronic Charting Work Group.

(3) Report from the Tug Assistance and Remote Anchor Release Work Group.

(4) Report of the Communications Work Group.

(5) Report of the Casualty Analysis Work Group.

(6) Status on Cargo Securing Practices.

(7) Project update on the Interim Rule (IR) "Licensing and Manning for Officers of Towing Vessels".

(8) Project update concerning Current Initiatives Regarding Crew Alertness.

(9) Project update on the Automated Information System (AIS).

(10) Project update on the International Maritime Information Safety System (IMISS).

(11) Discussion on (a) two task statements: Cargo Securing and Barge Structural Failure; and (b) unique features of the harbor services/ship assist sector.

#### Procedural

All meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings 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 Assistant Executive Director no later than March 7, 2000. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than March 3, 2000. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or working groups in advance of a meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Assistant Executive Director no later than February 28, 2000.

#### 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 Assistant Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: January 24, 2000.

**Joseph J. Angelo,**

*Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Proposed Advisory Circular (AC) 23-XX-32, Installation of Terrain Awareness and Warning System (TAWS) Approved Under TSO-C151a for Part 23 Airplanes

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed Advisory Circular (AC) AC 23-XX-32 and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of and requests comments

<sup>18</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

regarding proposed Advisory Circular (AC) 23-XX-32, Installation of Terrain Awareness and Warning System (TAWS) Approved Under TSO-C151a for Part 23 Airplanes. This AC establishes an acceptable means, but not the only means, of obtaining FAA airworthiness approval for the installation of a TAWS that has been approved under Technical Standard Order (TSO)-C151a, Terrain Awareness and Warning System, in a Part 23 airplane.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 20, 2000. There will be no extensions for late comments.

**ADDRESSES:** Send both a hard copy and an electronic copy of all comments on the proposed AC to the Federal Aviation Administration, Attention: Pat Nininger (pat.nininger@faa.gov), Regulations and Policy Branch, ACE-111, Small Airplane Directorate, Federal Aviation Administration, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106, telephone number (816) 329-4129, or facsimile (816) 329-4090.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ervin Dvorak, Aerospace Engineer, Regulations and Policy Branch, ACE-111, Small Airplane Directorate, Federal Aviation Administration, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106, telephone number (816) 329-4123.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Comments Invited**

Any person may obtain a copy of the proposed AC by contacting the person named above under **ADDRESSES** or the AC should be available within a few days on the internet at <http://www.faa.gov/avr/air/airhome.htm>. We invite interested persons to comment on the proposed AC by submitting comments to the address specified above. The FAA will consider all comments received on or before the closing date before issuing the AC. Comments may be examined at the Small Airplane Directorate, Federal Aviation Administration, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. weekdays, except Federal holidays.

**Background**

On November 29, 1999, the FAA issued TSO-C151a. TSO-C151a prescribes the minimum design standards that a TAWS must meet to be identified with the TSO-C151a marking. For further in-depth information concerning the TAWS' capabilities, refer to TSO-C151a.

The FAA's TSO process is a means of obtaining FAA design and performance approval for an appliance, system, or

product. However, the TSO does not provide procedures for installation approval or procedures for design or implementation of an installation. With future rulemaking and heightened interest by manufacturers and operators to equip Part 23 airplanes with TAWS systems that are compliant with TSO-C151a, the FAA has recognized the need to establish guidance material for the design and test requirements for the installation of such systems. This AC has been developed as the means for providing such guidance for Part 23 airplanes.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on January 19, 2000.

**Michael Gallagher,**

*Manager, Small Airplane Directorate.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**Proposed Advisory Circulars (AC) 25.981-1X, Fuel Tank Ignition Source Prevention Guidelines; and AC 25.981-2X, Fuel Tank Flammability Minimization**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed advisory circulars.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration invites public comment on draft advisory material that provides guidelines for demonstrating compliance with proposed certification requirements for preventing ignition sources within the fuel tanks of transport category airplanes, as well as minimizing the formation of flammable vapors in the fuel tanks of those airplanes.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 27, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments on the proposed advisory circulars to the Federal Aviation Administration, Attention: Mike Dostert, Propulsion/Mechanical Systems Branch, ANM-112, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, 1601 Lind Ave. SW., Renton, WA 98055-4056.

Comments may also be submitted electronically to the following address: [mike.dostert@faa.gov](mailto:mike.dostert@faa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mike Dostert at the above address, telephone (425) 227-2132; facsimile (425) 227-1320, or e-mail [mike.dostert@faa.gov](mailto:mike.dostert@faa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**How Do I Obtain a Copy of the Proposed Advisory Circulars?**

You may obtain an electronic copy of the advisory circulars identified in this notice at the following Internet address: [www.faa.gov/avr/air/airhome.htm](http://www.faa.gov/avr/air/airhome.htm). If you do not have access to the Internet, you may request a copy by contacting Domonique Adams, Program Management Branch, ANM-114, FAA Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-2111.

**How Do I Submit Comments on the Advisory Circulars?**

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed advisory material by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Comments must identify the title of the AC and be submitted in duplicate to the address specified above. The Transport Airplane Directorate will consider all comments received on or before the closing date for comments before issuing the final advisory material.

**Discussion**

In Notice of Proposed Rulemaking 99-18, published in the **Federal Register** on October 29, 1999 (64 FR 58656), the FAA requested public comment on a proposal to require design approval holders of certain turbine-powered transport category airplanes to submit substantiation to the FAA that the design of the fuel tank system of previously certificated airplanes precludes the existence of ignition sources within the airplane fuel tanks. The proposed rule would also require the affected design approval holders to develop specific fuel tank system maintenance and inspection instructions for any items in the fuel tank system that re determined to require repetitive inspections or maintenance, to assure the safety of the fuel tank system. In addition, the proposed rule would require certain operators of those airplanes to incorporate FAA-approved fuel tank system maintenance and inspection instructions into their current maintenance or inspection program.

In addition to the amendments proposed in Notice 99-18, the FAA announced the development of advisory material to supplement the proposals. This notice announces the availability of that advisory material for public comment.

The first advisory circular, AC 25.981-1X, Fuel Tank Ignition Source Prevention Guidelines, provides