

Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for implementation of the proposed air traffic noise abatement procedures contained in the update of the Noise Compatibility Program for T.F. Green Airport in Warwick, RI.

DATES: Written comments will be accepted prior to April 26, 2000. A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 12, 2000, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Warwick, RI.

ADDRESSES: Address all written comments to Ms. Terry Flieger, Environmental Specialist, FAA, Air Traffic Division, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803. Oral or written comments may also be given at the public hearing that will be held at the Veterans Memorial High School Auditorium/Cafeteria, 2401 West Shore Road, Warwick, RI.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Terry Flieger, 781-238-7524.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA is making available the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the following proposed action: the implementation of seven noise abatement departure procedures and one noise abatement arrival procedure including other associated noise compatibility program mitigation measures that were recommended in the T.F. Green Noise Compatibility Program Update. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) has been prepared and will be available for public review and comment. This document will be available 30 days prior to the April 12, 2000, hearing during normal business hours at the following locations:

T.F. Green Airport, 2000 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886-1533
Warwick Town Hall, Clerk's Office, 3275 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886
Cranston Town Hall, 869 Park Avenue, Cranston, RI 02910
Central Warwick Public Library, 600 Sandy Lane, Warwick, RI 02886
Apponaug Public Library, 3267 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886
Cranston Public Library, 140 Socknest Cross Road, Cranston, RI 02920
Norwood Public Library, 328 Pawtuxet Avenue, Warwick, RI 02888
Conimicut Public Library, 55 Beach Avenue, Warwick, RI 02889

The purpose of the hearing is to consider the social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed actions. During the hearing the public will be given an opportunity to present oral and/or written comments for the public record. This hearing is being held pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-190) and other laws as applicable.

Dated: February 25, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA, Inc.; Government/Industry Certification Steering Committee

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 RTCA Government/Industry Certification Steering Committee meeting to be held March 17, 2000, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591, in the Bessie Coleman Conference Center, Room 2AB (second floor).

Formation of the Certification Steering Committee is a follow-on initiative recommended in RTCA's Report of Task Force 4, Certification. The concept of the Certification Steering Committee is supported by the FAA and will provide a public advisory forum for developing consensus-based recommendations for implementing the opportunities identified by Task Force 4. The Task Force completed its work in 1999 and published its findings in the "Final Report of RTCA TASK FORCE 4, Certification." This report serves as a starting point for the Certification Steering Committee.

The Certification Steering Committee is Co-Chaired by Mr. Tom McSweeney, FAA Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification and Mr. Clay Jones, President, Rockwell Collins. The Certification Steering Committee will function as a Federal Advisory Committee with all meetings open to the public.

The agenda will include: (1) Welcome and Introductory Remarks: (a) RTCA Certification Activity Structure and Procedures; (b) Review Steering Committee Charter; (2) Background: (c) Task Force Four (TF4) Recommendations; (3) Certification Select Committee: (d) Membership; (e) Terms of Reference and Proposal for Implementing TF4 Recommendations; (f) Working Group Organization and Work Plans; (g) Near Term Certification Improvement Goals; (h) Deliverables and Milestones; (4) Other Business; (5) Date and Location of Next Meeting; (6) 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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Designated Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No: MARAD-2000-6998]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel *Ursa Major*.

SUMMARY: As authorized by Public Law 105-383, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S. build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a description of the proposed service, is listed below. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines that in accordance with Public Law 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (65 FR 6905; February 11, 2000) that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels, a waiver will not be granted.

DATES: Submit comments on or before April 5, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2000-6998. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001.