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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### 10 CFR Parts 71 and 73

RIN 3150-AG41

#### Advance Notification to Native American Tribes of Transportation of Certain Types of Nuclear Waste

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Advance notice of proposed rulemaking; Reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) published for public comment an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) on December 21, 1999 (64 FR 71331), that would require licensees to notify Federally recognized Native American Tribes of shipments of certain types of high-level radioactive waste, including spent nuclear fuel, before the shipments are transported to or across the boundary of Tribal lands. In a letter to the Secretary of the Commission, dated March 1, 2000, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) requested a 90-day extension of the comment period. The comment period for the ANPR expired on March 22, 2000. In view of the importance of the issues described in the ANPR and the information needed to resolve these issues, the amount of additional time that the NCAI requested to provide comments on behalf of its 210 constituent Tribal governments is reasonable. The NRC is reopening the comment period for 90 days. The comment period will expire on July 5, 2000.

**DATES:** The comment period has been reopened and will expire on July 5, 2000. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to assure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail comments to: The Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory

Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.

Hand-deliver comments to: 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:30 am and 4:15 pm on Federal workdays.

You may also provide comments via the NRC's interactive rulemaking website (<http://ruleforum.llnl.gov>). This site provides the availability to upload comments as files (any format), if your web browser supports that function. For information about the interactive rulemaking site, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher (301) 415-5905; e-mail [CAG@nrc.gov](mailto:CAG@nrc.gov).

Certain documents related to this rulemaking, including comments received, may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW (Lower Level), Washington, DC. These same documents also may be viewed and downloaded electronically via the rulemaking website.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of March 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Annette L. Vietti-Cook,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 98-SW-74-AD]

#### Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH Model EC 135 Helicopters

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This document proposes the superseding of an existing airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH (ECD) Model EC-135 helicopters. The existing AD requires conducting a tail rotor drive shaft vibration survey (survey), installing a Fenestron Shaft Retrofit Kit, inspecting each tail rotor drive shaft bearing (bearing) attaching lock plate for bent-open tabs and broken or missing slippage marks, and visually inspecting each bearing support for cracks. This action would require conducting the survey and installing the Fenestron Shaft Retrofit Kit. This AD would also require installing double bearing supports and struts, revising the required compliance time for the repetitive inspections of the bearing attach hardware and supports, and removing the requirement to contact the FAA if a lock plate tab is bent open or if slippage marks are broken or missing. This proposal is prompted by continued reports of misaligned or cracked bearing supports and loose bearing attachment bolts. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent loss of drive to the tail rotor and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before June 5, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, Attention: Rules Docket No. 98-SW-74-AD, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Room 663, Fort Worth, Texas 76137. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9 am and 3 pm, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from American Eurocopter Corporation, 2701 Forum Drive, Grand Prairie, Texas 75053-4005, telephone (972) 641-3460, fax (972) 641-3527. This information may be examined at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Room 663, Fort Worth, Texas.

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