

the FAA to routinely consider delays and traffic management programs as grounds for a usage waiver. These factors were considered during the rulemaking process. Any waiver of the slot usage requirement at other high density airports for non-operation of flights at LaGuardia not covered by this policy will continue to be processed in accordance with 14 CFR Section 39.227.

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**Jane F. Garvey,**

*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: Athens and Meigs Counties, Ohio

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Retraction of notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public of the retraction of the Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for a proposed highway project in Athens and Meigs Counties, Ohio, that was originally published in the **Federal Register** on October 19, 1999.

The FHWA determined environmental studies to document consultations between the Ohio Department of Transportation and FHWA were necessary. Based on these environmental studies, FHWA has determined that potentially significant impacts were avoided and the Finding Of No Significant Impact designation remains valid. An Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:**

Andreas Garnes, Rural Programs Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 200 N. High Street, Room 328, Columbus, Ohio 43215, Telephone: (614) 280-6856.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program)

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**Andreas Garnes,**

*Rural Programs Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, Columbus, Ohio.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. RSAC-96-1, Notice No. 23]

#### Railroad Safety Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Railroad Safety Advisory Committee ("RSAC") meeting.

**SUMMARY:** FRA announces the next meeting of the RSAC, a Federal Advisory Committee that develops railroad safety regulations through a consensus process. The meeting will address a wide range of topics, including possible adoption of specific recommendations for regulatory action.

**DATES:** The meeting of the RSAC is scheduled to commence at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting of the RSAC will be held at the Wyndham Washington, DC Hotel in the Vista Ballroom, 1400 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 429-1700. The meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis and is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Sign and oral interpretation can be made available if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Trish Paoletta, or Lydia Leeds, RSAC Coordinators, FRA, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW, Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493-6212/6213 or Grady Cothen, Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development, FRA, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW, Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493-6302.

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), FRA is giving notice of a meeting of the Railroad Safety Advisory Committee ("RSAC"). The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2000. The meeting of the RSAC will be held at the Wyndham Hotel in the Vista Ballroom, 1400 M Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20005 (202) 429-1700. All times noted are Eastern Standard Time.

RSAC was established to provide advice and recommendations to the FRA on railroad safety matters. The Committee consists of 48 individual voting representatives and five associate representatives drawn from among 30 organizations representing various rail

industry perspectives, two associate representatives from the agencies with railroad safety regulatory responsibility in Canada and Mexico and other diverse groups. Staffs of the National Transportation Safety Board and Federal Transit Administration also participate in an advisory capacity.

The RSAC will be briefed on the current status of activities of RSAC working groups and task forces responsible for carrying out tasks the RSAC has accepted involving blue signal protection, cab working conditions, and the definition of reportable "train accident."

There will be discussion about the possible tasking of the Training and Qualification of Safety Critical personnel and a briefing on the status of the North American Joint Positive Train Control Project. Also, if the draft Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Cab Working Conditions is approved by the Working Group, the full committee may be requested to consider recommendations for FRA action on that issue. The committee may also be asked to consent to mail balloting with respect to future recommendations of the Locomotive Crashworthiness Working Group, following an update on the group's activities.

Informational status briefings concerning the Switching Operations Fatality Analysis task force efforts, the Grade Crossing Technical Working Group, the American Public Transportation Association's Passenger Rail Equipment Safety Standards and the Harriman Awards will be presented.

Please refer to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 11, 1996 (61 FR 9740) for more information about the RSAC.

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**George Gavalla,**

*Associate Administrator for Safety.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2000-8292]

#### Sea Princess Trading, Inc. and the Sabine Transportation Company; Notice of Petition for a Declaratory Order

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice of petition.

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration is seeking public comment on the