

DATES: CTAC will meet on Thursday, September 13, 2001, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Subcommittees on Prevention Through People (PTP) and Hazardous Substances Response Standards will meet on Wednesday, September 12, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Subcommittee on Vessel Cargo Tank Overpressurization will meet on Friday, September 14, 2001, from 9:00 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 August 31, 2001. Requests to have a copy of written material distributed to each member of the Committee or Subcommittee should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 5, 2001.

ADDRESSES: CTAC will meet in room 2415, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC. The PTP Subcommittee will meet at Coast Guard Headquarters in room 1103. The Hazardous Substances Response Standards Subcommittee will meet in Suite 1000 at the National Pollution Funds Center, 4200 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA. The Vessel Cargo Tank Overpressurization Subcommittee will meet at Coast Guard Headquarters in room 2415. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Commander James M. Michalowski, Commandant (G-MSO-3), 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: Commander James M. Michalowski, Executive Director of CTAC, or Ms. Sara S. Ju, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone 202-267-1217, fax 202-267-4570.

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

Agenda of Meetings

Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee

- (1) Introduction of Committee members and attendees.
- (2) Progress Reports from the PTP, Hazardous Substances Response Standards, and Vessel Cargo Tank Overpressurization Subcommittees.
- (3) Presentation on the Millennium Class Tanker.
- (4) Presentation by a Guest Speaker on "Expansive Imbibition for Practical Pollution Particulation or Separating Things from Stuff."

(5) Coast Guard update on Cargo Authority Lists for the New Coast Guard MISLE Database.

(6) Update of Coast Guard Regulatory Projects and IMO Activities.

Subcommittee on PTP. The agenda includes the following:

(1) Continuation of work on the development of a risk management guide for the chemical transportation industry.

Subcommittee on Hazardous Substances Response Standards. The agenda includes the following:

(1) Final development of recommendations to the Coast Guard concerning protocols for emergency chemical response.

Subcommittee on Vessel Cargo Tank Overpressurization. The agenda includes the following:

(1) Continuing development of recommendations for an industry standard to address the prevention of cargo tank overpressurization during inerting, padding, purging, and line clearing operations.

Procedural

All meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may close early if all business is finished. At the Chairs' 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 Executive Director no later than August 31, 2001. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than September 5, 2001. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the Committee or Subcommittee in advance of the meetings, please submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than September 5, 2001.

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 to the Executive Director of CTAC as soon as possible.

Dated: 27 July 2001.

Joseph J. Angelo

Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-2000-7514]

National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP)

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On April 13, 2001, the Coast Guard published a notice in the **Federal Register** requesting comments on proposed changes to the 1994 National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP) guidelines, and stated the proposed changes would be available by June 1, 2001. However, they were not made available in the Docket until July 3, 2001. Because of this delay, the Coast Guard is extending the comment period through October 3, 2001.

DATES: Comments on the proposed changes to the PREP Guidelines must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before October 3, 2001.

ADDRESSES: To make sure your comments and related material are not entered more than once in the docket, please submit them by only one of the following means:

(1) By mail to the Docket Management Facility (USCG-2000-7514), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(2) By hand delivery to room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

(3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

(4) Electronically through the Web Site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this request for comments on PREP proposed guidelines. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the same address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may electronically access the public docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice or general information regarding the PREP program, contact Robert Pond, Office of Response, Plan and Preparedness

Division (G-MOR-2), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, telephone 202-267-6603, fax 202-267-4065 or e-mail rpond@comdt.uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing, or submitting material to the docket, contact Dorothy Beard, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-5149.

Request for Comments

We encourage you to participate by submitting comments and related material. If you do so, please include your name and address, identify the docket number (USCG-2000-7514), indicate the specific proposed change to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. You may submit your comments and materials by mail or hand delivery. Submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ X 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like confirmation of receipt, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received on or before October 3, 2001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 13, 2001, the Coast Guard published a notice in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 19282) requesting comments on proposed changes to the 1994 National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP) guidelines, and stated the proposed changes would be available in the Docket by June 1, 2001. However, they were not made available until July 3, 2001. Because of this delay, the Coast Guard is extending the comment period through October 3, 2001.

Dated: July 31, 2001.

J. G. Lantz,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2001-9852]

High Density Airports; Notice of Extension of the Lottery Allocation and Notice of Lottery for Limited Slot Exemptions at LaGuardia Airport

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of lottery for takeoff and landing times at LaGuardia Airport.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

extension of the current allocation of exemption slots at LaGuardia Airport (LGA) as authorized under the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century ("AIR-21"). Additionally, this notice announces a second lottery for a limited number of slot exemptions at LGA to allocate unused capacity under the agency imposed slot exemption limit, effective January 31, 2001. The FAA finds that this action maintains the current operating environment at LGA pending a long-term solution.

DATES: The lottery will be held on August 15, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The lottery will take place at 1:30 p.m., in the FAA Auditorium, 3rd floor, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lorelei D. Peter, the Airspace and Air Traffic Law Branch, Regulations Division, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone number 202-267-3073.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FAA has broad authority under Title 49 of the United States Code (U.S.C.), Subtitle VII, to regulate and control the use of the navigable airspace of the United States. Under 49 U.S.C. 40103, the agency is authorized to develop plans for and to formulate policy with respect to the use of navigable airspace and to assign by rule, regulation, or order the use of navigable airspace under such terms, conditions, and limitations as many be deemed necessary in order to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient utilization of the navigable airspace. Also, under section 40103, the agency is further authorized and directed to prescribe air traffic rules and regulations governing the efficient utilization of the navigable airspace.

The High Density Traffic Airports Rule, or "High Density Rule," 14 CFR part 93, subpart K, was promulgated in 1968 to reduce delays at five congested airports: John F. Kennedy International Airport, LaGuardia Airport, O'Hare International Airport, Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and Newark International Airport (33 FR 17896; December 3, 1968). The regulation limits the number of instrument flight rule (IFR) operations at each airport, by hour or half hour, during certain hours of the day. It provides for the allocation to carriers of operational authority, in the form of a

"slot" for each IFR landing takeoff or landing during a specific 30-or-60 minute period. The restrictions were lifted at Newark in the early 1970s.

"AIR-21"

On April 5, 2000, the "Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century" ("AIR-21") was enacted. Section 231 of AIR-21 significantly amended 49 U.S.C. § 41714 and included new provisions codified at 49 U.S.C. §§ 41716, 41717, and 41718. These provisions enabled air carriers meeting specified criteria to obtain new slot exemptions at New York's LaGuardia Airport (LaGuardia) and John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK), Chicago's O'Hare International Airport (O'Hare) and Washington DC's Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (National). As a result of this legislation, the Department of Transportation (Department) issued eight orders establishing procedures for the processing of various applications for exemptions authorized by the statute.

Specifically, Order 2000-4-11 implements 49 U.S.C. 41716(a), which provides in pertinent part that an exemption must be granted to any airline using Stage 3 aircraft with less than 71 seats that proposes to provide nonstop service between LaGuardia and an airport that was designated as a small hub or nonhub airport in 1997, under certain conditions. The exemption must be granted if: (1) The airline was not providing such nonstop service between the small hub or nonhub airport and LaGuardia Airport during the week of November 1, 1999; or (2) the proposed service between the small hub or nonhub and LaGuardia, exceeds the number of flights provided between such airports during the week of November 1, 1999; or (3) if the air transportation pursuant to the exemption would be provided with a regional jet as replacement of turboprop service that was being provided during the week of November 1, 1999.

According to AIR-21 and the Department's Orders, air carriers meeting the statutory tests delineated above automatically receive blanket approval for slot exemptions, provided that they certify in accordance with 14 CFR 302.4(b) that they meet each and every one of the statutory criteria. The certification must state the communities and airport to be served, that the airport was designated a small hub or nonhub airport as of 1997, that the aircraft used to provide the service have fewer than 71 seats, that the aircraft are Stage 3 compliant, and the planned effective dates. Carriers must also certify that the proposed service represents new