

rulemaking on these issues, there will be another round of public comment. We invite the public to send us information and comments relating to the following issues:

1. Whether pilots and other flight crew members should carry firearms of less-than-lethal weapons, and if so, whether it should be on a voluntary basis;

2. Whether and how the weapons should be stored on the aircraft or carried on board;

3. The types and numbers of less-than-lethal weapons that should be carried on aircraft for use by qualified flight deck crew members;

4. The types of restraining devices or other kinds of equipment that should be on aircraft;

5. The types and numbers of firearms that should be carried on aircraft for use by qualified pilots and the types of ammunition;

6. The amount and type of weapons training that we should require, including whether there should be initial and recurrent training.

7. How the less-than-lethal weapons and firearms should be carried, stored, maintained (if necessary), and accessed on the aircraft.

8. What types of aircraft modifications we should require when aircraft are equipped with less-than-lethal weapons or firearms, such as modifications to ventilation or avionics systems;

9. Whether the qualifications for using less-than-lethal weapons or firearms should be integrated into the existing systems for establishing and maintaining airman qualifications, such as pilot certificates and ratings;

10. The circumstances under which less-than-lethal weapons may be used;

11. How to identify individuals who are willing to provide emergency services on commercial flights;

12. Whether to maintain a registry of some or all of these individuals;

13. The minimum qualifications of those who would provide emergency services on commercial air flights; and

14. The type of training providers of emergency services on commercial air flights should have.

We invite the public to raise any additional issues or concerns related to these issues, including any other factors that we should consider addressing in our recommendations.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting on Air Carrier and General Aviation Maintenance Issues

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of the FAA Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to discuss Air Carrier and General Aviation Maintenance Issues. Specifically the committee will discuss two tasks concerning quality assurance and ratings for aeronautical repair stations. **DATES:** The meeting will be held on January 9, 2002, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Arrange for teleconference capability and presentations by January 3, 2002. **ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the General Aviation Manufacturers Association, 1400 K Street, NW., Suite 801, Washington, DC 20005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vanessa R. Wilkins, Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-207), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-8029; fax (202) 267-5075.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to § 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App II), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to discuss air carrier and general aviation maintenance issues to be held on January 9, 2002, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the General Aviation Manufacturers Association, 1400 K Street, NW., Suite 801, Washington, DC 20005.

#### Meeting Agenda

- Opening remarks and committee administration
- Discussion of quality system elements relating to a quality assurance program
- Break
- Discussion of current regulatory requirements relating to quality system elements
- Lunch
- Discussion of quality assurance/system elements missing from current regulatory requirements
- Break
- Discussion of repair station ratings
- Adjourn

Attendance is open to the interested public, but will be limited to the space available. The FAA will arrange

teleconference capability for individuals wishing to participate by teleconference if we receive notification by January 3, 2002. Arrangements to participate by teleconference can be made by contacting the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Callers outside the Washington metropolitan area will be responsible for paying long distance charges.

The public must make arrangements by January 3, 2002, to present oral statements at the meeting. The public may present written statements to the committee at any time by providing 25 copies to the Assistant Executive Director, or by bringing the copies to the meeting. In addition, sign and oral interpretation can be made available at the meeting, as well as an assistive listening device, if requested by January 3, 2002. Arrangements may be made by contacting the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and its implementing regulations, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) hereby announces that it is seeking renewal of the following currently approved information collection activities. Before submitting these information collection requirements for clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), FRA is soliciting public comment on specific aspects of the activities identified below.

**DATES:** Comments must be received no later than March 1, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on any or all of the following proposed activities by mail to either: Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Safety, Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 17, Washington, DC 20590, or Ms. Dian Deal, Office of