

program for public review and comment.

Under title 49, an airport operator may submit to the FAA noise exposure maps, which meet applicable regulations, and which depict noncompatible land uses as of the date of submission of such maps, a description of projected aircraft operations, and the ways in which such operations will affect such maps. Title 49 requires such maps to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties in the local community, government agencies, and persons using the airport.

An airport operator who has submitted noise exposure maps that are found by the FAA to be in compliance with the requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 150, promulgated pursuant to title 49, may submit a noise compatibility program for FAA approval which sets forth the measures the operator has taken or proposes for the reduction of existing noncompatible uses and for the prevention of the introduction of additional noncompatible uses.

Airport District No. 1, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, submitted to the FAA on December 18, 2000, noise exposure maps, descriptions and other documentation which were produced during the FAR Part 150 Noise Study initiated by Federal Grant 3-22-0026-21 on August 17, 1999. It was requested that the FAA review this material as the noise exposure maps, as described in Title 49, and that the noise mitigation measures, to be implemented jointly by the airport and surrounding communities, be approved as a noise compatibility program under title 49.

The FAA has completed its review of the noise exposure maps and related descriptions submitted by Airport District No. 1, Calcasieu Parish. The specific maps under consideration are Exhibit 6-1, 1999 DNL Noise Contours, Exhibit 6-2, 2004 DNL Noise Contours, Appendix Exhibit 1, and 2020 DNL Noise contours in the submission.

The FAA has determined that these maps for Lake Charles Regional Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements. This determination is effective on February 5, 2002. FAA's determination on an airport operator's noise exposure maps is limited to a finding that the maps were developed in accordance with the procedures contained in Appendix A of FAR Part 150. Such determination does not constitute approval of the applicant's data, information, or plans, or a commitment to approve a noise compatibility program or to fund the implementation of that program.

If questions arise concerning the precise relationship of specific properties to noise exposure contours depicted on a noise exposure map submitted under section 103 of the Act, it should be noted that the FAA is not involved in any way in determining the relative locations of specific properties with regard to the depicted noise contours, or in interpreting the noise exposure maps to resolve questions concerning, for example, which properties should be covered by the provisions of title 49. These functions are inseparable from the ultimate land use control and planning responsibilities of local government. These local responsibilities are not changed in any way under part 150 or through FAA's review of noise exposure maps. Therefore, the responsibility for the detailed overlaying of noise exposure contours onto the map depicting properties on the surface rests exclusively with the airport operator that submitted those maps, or with those public agencies and planning agencies with which consultation is required under Title 49. The FAA has relied on the certification by the airport operator, under section 150.21 of FAR part 150, that the statutorily required consultation has been accomplished.

The FAA has formally received the noise compatibility program for Lake Charles Regional Airport, also effective on February 5, 2002. Preliminary review of the submitted material indicates that it conforms to the requirements for the submittal of noise compatibility programs, but that further review will be necessary prior to approval or disapproval of the program. The formal review period, limited by law to a maximum of 180 days, will be completed on or before August 5, 2002.

The FAA's detailed evaluation will be conducted under the provisions of 14 CFR part 150, section 150.33. The primary considerations in the evaluation process are whether the proposed measures may reduce the level of aviation safety, create an undue burden on interstate or foreign commerce, or be reasonably consistent with obtaining the goal of reducing existing noncompatible land uses and preventing the introduction of additional noncompatible land uses.

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed program with specific reference to these factors. The FAA to the extent will consider all comments, other than those properly addressed to local land use authorities, practicable. Copies of the noise exposure maps, the FAA's evaluation of the maps, and the proposed noise

compatibility program are available for examination at the following locations:

Federal Aviation Administration,
Airports Division, 2601 Meacham
Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas 76137
Lake Charles Regional Airport, Mr. Alan
Kratzer, Airport Manager, P.O. Box
5820, Lake Charles, LA 70606-5820,
(337) 477-6051.

Questions may be directed to the individual named above under the heading, **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, *February 5, 2002*.

William J. Flanagan,

Acting Manager, Airports Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Special Committee 199: Airport Security Access Control Systems

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Special Committee 199 meeting

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 199: Airport Security Access Control Systems.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 19, 2002 starting at 9 am.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC, 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW, Suite 805, Washington, DC, 20036; telephone (202) 833-9339; fax (202) 833-9434; web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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 a Special Committee 199 meeting. The agenda will include:

- March 19:
- Opening Session (Welcome, Introductory and Administrative Remarks, Agenda Overview, Review Minutes of Previous Meeting, Action Items from Last Meeting)
- Workgroup Reports and Discussions on Developments, New Standard Test and Comments from Members (Sections 1-4, Biometrics workgroup, Smart card workgroup, Database workgroup)
- Closing Session (Any Other Business, Establish Agenda for Next Meeting, Date and Place of Next Meeting)

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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Janice L. Peters,

FAA Special Assistant, RTCA Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Special Committee 198: Next-Generation Air/Ground Communications System (NEXCOM)

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Special Committee 198 meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 198: Next-Generation Air/Ground Communications System (NEXCOM).

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 20, 2002, starting at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at RTCA, 1828 L Street, Suite 805, Washington, DC, 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW, Suite 805, Washington, DC, 20036; telephone (202) 8339339; fax (202) 8339434; web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee 198 meeting. The agenda will include:

- March 20:
 - Opening Plenary Session (Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Review Minutes of Previous Meeting)
 - Program Management Committee Actions: SC-198 Working Group 3 Document
 - Status of Working Group 4, VHF Data Link (VDL) 3 Implementation
 - Status of Working Group 5, OHA/ Safety and Performance Requirements (SPR) for Next-Generation Air/Ground Communications System

(NEXCOM) VDL-3

- Status of Working Group 6, Interoperability of NEXCOM
- Closing Plenary Session (Date and Place of Next Meeting)
- March 21, 22:
 - Working Groups 4, 5 and 6

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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Janice L. Peters,

FAA Special Assistant, RTCA Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Intelligent Transportation Society of America; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS AMERICA) will hold a meeting of its Coordinating Council on Tuesday, March 19, 2002, at its headquarters. The meeting runs from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The General Session includes the following items: (1) Housekeeping Items: Welcome, Introductions, Antitrust statement; (2) Minutes—approval of minutes from meeting #41 (10/24/01); (3) President's Report; (4) Coordinating Council Reorganization (D/A); and (5) Closing Housekeeping. ITS AMERICA provides a forum for national discussion and recommendations on ITS activities including programs, research needs, strategic planning, standards, international liaison, and priorities.

The charter for the utilization of ITS AMERICA establishes this organization as an advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) 5 U.S.C. app. 2, when it provides advice or recommendations to DOT officials on ITS policies and programs. (56 FR 9400, March 6, 1991).

DATES: The Coordinating Council of ITS AMERICA will meet on Tuesday, March 19, 2002 from 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Hilton Scottsdale Resort and Villas, 6333 North Scottsdale, Scottsdale, Arizona, 85250-5428. Phone (877) 768-9330.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Materials associated with this meeting may be examined at the offices of ITS AMERICA, 400 Virginia Avenue SW., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20024. Persons needing further information or who request to speak at this meeting should contact Debbie M. Busch at ITS AMERICA by telephone at (202) 484-2904 or by FAX at (202) 484-3483. The DOT contact is Kristy Frizzell, FHWA, HOIT, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-9536. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays.

(23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48)

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Jeffrey Paniati,

Program Manager, ITS Joint Program Office, Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket RSPA-98-4957]

Request for Public Comments and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Approval of an Existing Information Collection

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice seeks comments from the public regarding the need for RSPA to collect paperwork from gas service line operators to ensure that customers receiving gas pipeline service are aware of the availability of excess flow valves (EFV's). This notice is published (pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995) to measure the need for the paperwork collection on EFV's, ways to minimize the burden on operators who must respond, ways to enhance the quality of the information collected, and to verify the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (measured in work hours) on pipeline operators. By advising customers of the availability of excess flow valves, the notices give customers information to help them decide if they would like to purchase excess flow valves for their line.