

386-5394. The AC will also be available on the Internet at <http://www.airweb.faa.gov/AC>.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on August 5, 2003.

**Michael Gallagher,**

*Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice Before Waiver With Respect to Land at Raleigh County Memorial Airport, Beckley, WV

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent of waiver with respect to land.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is publishing notice of proposed release of 218.37 acres of land at the Raleigh County Memorial Airport, Beckley, West Virginia, to the Raleigh County Airport Authority and the Raleigh County Commission for the development of an industrial park. There are no impacts to the Airport and the land is not needed for airport development as shown on the Airport Layout Plan. Fair Market Value of the land will be paid to the Raleigh County Airport and the Raleigh County Commission, and used for Airport purposes.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before September 19, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address:

Connie Boley-Lilly,  
Program Specialist,  
Federal Aviation Administration,  
Beckley Airports District Office,  
176 Airport Circle, Room 101,  
Beaver, West Virginia 25813.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Thomas Cochran, Airport Manager, Raleigh County Memorial Airport at the following address:

Thomas Cochran, Airport Manager,  
Raleigh County Memorial Airport,  
176 Airport Circle, Room 105,  
Beaver, West Virginia 25813.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Connie Boley-Lilly, Program Specialist, Beckley Airport District Office, (304) 252-6216 ext. 125, FAX (304) 253-8028.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

On April 5, 2000, new authorizing legislation became effective. That bill,

the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century, Public Law 10-181 (April 5, 2000; 114 Stat. 61) (AIR 21) requires that a 30 day public notice must be provided before the Secretary may waive any condition imposed on an interest in surplus property.

Issued in Beckley, West Virginia, on August 6, 2003.

**Larry F. Clark,**

*Manager, Beckley Airport District Office, Eastern Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Premium War Risk Insurance

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

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of aviation insurance.

**SUMMARY:** This notice contains the text of a memo from the Secretary of Transportation to the President regarding the extension of the provision of aviation insurance coverage for U.S. flag commercial air carrier service in domestic and international operations. **DATES:** Dates of extension from August 12, 2003 through October 11, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Helen Kish, Program Analyst, APO-3, or Eric Nelson, Program Analyst, APO-3, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-9943 or (202) 267-3090. Or online at FAA Insurance Web site: <http://insurance.faa.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 11, 2003, the Secretary of Transportation authorized a 60-day extension of aviation insurance provided by the Federal Aviation Administration as follows:

#### Memorandum to the President

"Pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the President in paragraph (3) of Presidential Determination No. 01-29 of September 23, 2001, and the direction of Section 1202 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, I hereby extend that determination to allow for the provision of aviation insurance and reinsurance coverage for U.S. Flag commercial air carrier service in domestic and international operations for an additional 60 days.

Pursuant to section 44306(b) of Chapter 443 of 49 U.S.C., Aviation Insurance, the period for provision of insurance shall be extended from August 13, 2003, through October 11, 2003."

/s/ Norman Y. Mineta

*Affected Public:* Air Carriers who currently have Premium War-Risk Insurance with the Federal Aviation Administration.

Issued in Washington, DC on August 14, 2003.

**John M. Rodgers,**

*Director, Office of Aviation Policy and Plans.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Intent and Request for Comment

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for licensing launches of horizontally launched vehicles and reentries of reentry vehicles.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is publishing this notice to announce its intent to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the Council on Environmental Quality implementing regulations. This NOI also serves as an official request for comments in preparation of the PEIS. This PEIS will assess environmental impacts associated with the proposed action, reasonable alternatives including those identified during scoping, the no action alternative, and cumulative impacts. This PEIS will support decisions made to meet the FAA's responsibility to license commercial launches and reentries and launch and reentry site operations consistent with public health and safety, safety of property, and the national security and foreign policy interests of the United States. Issuing a launch or reentry license is considered a Federal action and is therefore subject to NEPA review.

*Proposed Action and Possible Alternatives:* The proposed action for this PEIS is to license the launch and landing of horizontally launched vehicles and the reentry of reentry vehicles. Reentry vehicles are defined as vehicles designed to return from Earth orbit or outer space to Earth; or reusable launch vehicles designed to return substantially intact from Earth orbit or outer space to Earth. A launch is defined as to place or try to place a launch vehicle or reentry vehicle and any payload from Earth (A) in a

suborbital trajectory; (B) in Earth orbit in outer space; or (C) otherwise in outer space, including activities involved in the preparation of a launch vehicle or payload for launch.

Alternatives to the proposed action may include activities such as not licensing horizontal launches, not licensing vertical reentries, not licensing horizontal reentries, not licensing powered reentries, and not licensing unpowered reentries.

FAA exercises licensing authority in accordance with the Commercial Space Launch Act and Commercial Space Transportation Licensing Regulations, 14 CFR Ch. III, which authorize the FAA to license the launch of a launch vehicle when conducted within the U.S. and those operated by U.S. citizens abroad. The scope of the PEIS would include launches on both orbital and suborbital trajectories.

In May 1992, the U.S. Department of Transportation issued the *Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Commercial Reentry Vehicles* that assessed the environmental impacts of licensing the unpowered reentry of reentry vehicles from space to Earth. This 1992 PEIS relied in part on the analysis in the *Programmatic Environmental Assessment of Commercial Expendable Launch Vehicle Programs*, February 1986.

In May 2001, the FAA issued the *Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Licensing Launches*, which assessed the environmental impacts of licensing commercial launches. This 2001 PEIS updated and replaced the 1986 Programmatic Environmental Assessment (EA).

The PEIS for Licensing Launches of Horizontally Launched Vehicles and Reentries of Reentry Vehicles will update and replace the 1992 PEIS and address the launch of horizontally launched vehicles and the reentry of all reentry vehicles.

**Scoping:** Public scoping will be conducted as part of the PEIS development process to ensure that all interested government and private organizations, and the general public have an opportunity to express their concerns and identify topics that should be addressed in the PEIS. The FAA has developed a public participation Web site (<http://ast.faa.gov>) which provides information on the development of this PEIS and provides the public an opportunity to submit comments electronically. Materials on the Web site include information about licensing and the NEPA process; frequently asked questions, a fact sheet on the PEIS; a comparison of the analysis of the

previous programmatic documents; and public comment forms. Scoping meetings may be requested by organizations or individuals that feel their concerns cannot be met through the online opportunity to comment. Information regarding the development of the PEIS is available on the public participation Web site at <http://ast.faa.gov/>, under the "What's new on the AST Web site—Announcements" section.

**To Submit Comments:** Written comments, statements, and/or questions regarding scoping issues or the PEIS process should be addressed to Ms. Michon Washington, FAA Environmental Specialist, FAA PEIS, c/o ICF Consulting, 9300 Lee Highway, Fairfax, Virginia 22031; phone (703) 934-3950; fax (703) 934-3951; e-mail at [FAA.PEIS@icfconsulting.com](mailto:FAA.PEIS@icfconsulting.com); or by Web site <http://ast.faa.gov/>.

Comments should clearly identify and describe the specific issue(s) or topics to be included in the PEIS. To ensure sufficient time to consider issues identified during public scoping, comments should be submitted no later than September 26, 2003.

*Issued in:* Washington DC.

*Responsible Official:*

**Herbert Bachner,**

*Manager, Space Systems Development Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD 2003 15934]

#### Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intentions to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted on or before October 20, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas M.P. Christensen, Office of National Security Plans, Maritime Administration, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-5900; FAX 202-488-0941 or e-mail: [tom.christensen@marad.dot.gov](mailto:tom.christensen@marad.dot.gov).

Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title of Collection:* Voluntary Tanker Agreement.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0505.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* Three years after date of approval by the Office of Management and Budget.

*Summary of Collection of Information:* The collection consists of a request from the Maritime Administration (MARAD) that each participant in the Voluntary Tanker Agreement submit a list of the names of ships owned, chartered or contracted for by the participant, and their size and flags of registry. There is no prescribed format for this information.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The collected information is necessary to evaluate tanker capability and make plans for the use of this capability to meet national emergency requirements. This information will be used by both MARAD and Department of Defense to establish overall contingency plans.

*Description of Respondents:* Tanker companies that operate in international trade and who have agreed to participate in this agreement.

*Annual Responses:* 15.

*Annual Burden:* One hour per response.

*Comments:* Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Comments may also be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. Specifically address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator,