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Dated: November 18, 2005.

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Principal Deputy Assistant, Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting on Transport Airplane and Engine Issues

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the FAA's Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) to discuss transport airplane and engine (TAE) issues.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 12, 2005, starting at 10:30 a.m. Eastern Standard Time. Arrange for oral presentations by December 8, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Room 810, Washington, DC 20591.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Linsenmeyer, Office of Rulemaking, ARM-207, FAA, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, Telephone (202) 267-5174, FAX (202) 267-5075, or e-mail at john.linsenmeyer@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. app. III), notice is given of an ad hoc ARAC meeting to be held December 12, 2005 at the Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave., Room 810, Washington, DC. The meeting/teleconference is being held to consider the report on recommended guidance for Aging Airplane Safety from the Airworthiness Assurance Working Group (AAWG). This ad hoc TAE meeting is necessary because the report from the AAWG is a critical part of FAA's effort to develop new guidance to

support the Aging Airplane Safety Rule, issued January 25, 2005.

The agenda will include:

- Opening Remarks.
- AAWG Report.

Attendance is open to the public, but will be limited to the availability of meeting room space. Please confirm your attendance with the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section no later than December 8, 2005. Please provide the following information: Full legal name, country of citizenship, and name of your industry association, or applicable affiliation. If you are attending as a public citizen, please indicate so.

For persons participating domestically by telephone, the call-in number is (202) 493-4180; the Passcode is "5513." To insure that sufficient telephone lines are available, please notify the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of your intent to participate by telephone by December 8. Anyone calling from outside the Washington, DC metropolitan area will be responsible for paying long-distance charges.

The public must make arrangements by December 8, 2005, to present oral statements at the meeting. Written statements may be presented to the committee at any time by providing 25 copies to the Assistant Executive Director for Transport Airplane and Engine Issues or by providing copies at the meeting. Copies of the document to be presented to ARAC for decision by the FAA may be made available by contacting the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

If you need assistance or require a reasonable accommodation for the meeting or meeting documents, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Sign and oral interpretation, as well as a listening device, can be made available if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 17, 2005.

Brenda D. Courtney,

Acting Director, Office of Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2005-22796]

FRA Emergency Order No. 24, Notice No. 2; Emergency Order No. 24: Hand-Operated Main Track Switches; Amendment

SUMMARY: The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) of the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) issues this notice to amend Emergency Order No. 24 (EO 24) in response to informal comments received from railroads and labor organizations. This amendment provides additional guidance, clarifying amendments and expanded relief from the EO.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Douglas H. Taylor, Staff Director, Operating Practices Division, Office of Safety Assurance and Compliance, FRA, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW., RRS-11, Mail Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone 202-493-6255); or Alan H. Nagler, Senior Trail Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel, FRA, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW., RCC-11, Mail Stop 10, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone 202-493-6038).

Background

EO 24 was issued on October 19, 2005, published in the **Federal Register** on October 24, 2005 (70 FR 61496) and required that railroads modify their operating rules and take certain other actions necessary to ensure that railroad employees who dispatch trains in non-signaled territory or who operate hand-operated main track switches (switches) in non-signaled territory, ensure the switches are restored to their proper (normal) position after use.

EO 24 required that railroads "immediately initiate steps to implement this EO * * * [and] complete implementation no later than November 22, 2005." 70 FR 61496, 61500. As the resulted community began implementation, practical concerns were raised with FRA regarding some aspects of the EO. In response to these informal comments, FRA has decided to provide the railroads and employees additional flexibility in complying with the EO. Because FRA is granting additional flexibility to the railroads and the employees, the November 22, 2005 effective date of the EO is not changing.

On November 4, 2005, FRA posted on its Web site at <http://www.fra.dot.gov/> an additional document, in a question and answer format, that provided timely guidance to the informal comments offered by the regulated community.