

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Research, Engineering and Development Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

Pursuant to section 10(A)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the FAA Research, Engineering and Development (R,E&D) Advisory Committee.

Name: Research, Engineering & Development Advisory Committee.

Time and Date: April 13—9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Bessie Coleman Room, Washington, DC 20591.

Purpose: The meeting agenda will include receiving from the Committee guidance for FAA's research and development investments in the areas of air traffic services, airports, aircraft safety, human factors and environment and energy. Attendance is open to the interested public but seating is limited. Persons wishing to attend the meeting or obtain information should contact Gloria Dunderman at (202) 267-8937 or gloria.dunderman@faa.gov. Attendees will have to present picture ID at the security desk and escorted to the Bessie Coleman Room.

Members of the public may present a written statement to the Committee at any time.

Issued in Washington, DC on March 14, 2006.

John Rekstad,

Program Manager, Research Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration**

[Policy Statement Number PS-ACE100-2005-10039]

Standardization and Clarification of Application of 14 CFR Part 23, §§ 23.1301 and 23.1309, Regarding Environmental Qualification

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of policy statement.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the issuance of a Federal Aviation

Administration (FAA) policy. The policy standardizes and clarifies the FAA application of 14 CFR part 23, sections 23.1301 and 23.1309, Amendment 23-41 or later for environmental qualification. This notice is necessary to advise the public, especially manufacturers of normal, utility, and acrobatic category airplanes, and commuter category airplanes and their suppliers, that the FAA has adopted the policy.

DATES: Policy statement PS-ACE100-2005-10039 was issued by the Manager of the Small Airplane Directorate on February 16, 2006.

How to Obtain Copies: A paper copy of the policy statement may be obtained by writing to the following: Small Airplane Directorate, Standards Office (ACE-110), Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, 901 Locust Street, Room 301, Kansas City, MO 64106. The policy statement will also be available on the Internet at the following address http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ervin Dvorak, Federal Aviation Administration, Small Airplane Directorate, Regulations & Policy, ACE-111, 901 Locust Street, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (316) 329-4123; fax: 816-329-4090; e-mail: erv.dvorak@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

We announced the availability of the policy statement on December 8, 2005 (70 FR 73059). We revised the policy in response to the comments, and the policy has been adopted.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri on March 10, 2006.

Kim Smith,

Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Maritime Administration**

[Docket No. 2006 24165]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel PROTECTOR.

SUMMARY: As authorized by Public Law 105-383 and Public Law 107-295, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below. The complete application is given in DOT docket 2006-24165 at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with Public Law 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (68 FR 23084; April 30, 2003), that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

DATES: Submit comments on or before April 20, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD 2006 24165. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joann Spittle, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-830 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-5979.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel PROTECTOR is:

Intended Use: "Sightseeing along the east coast of Hawaii Islands for not more than twelve passengers."