DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment and Public Information Workshop for the Proposed ORD Airport Surveillance Radar, Model 9, West Chicago, IL

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.


SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) proposes to fund, construct, and operate an Airport Surveillance Radar, Model 9 (ASR–9) to serve the western airspace of O'Hare International Airport (ORD), Chicago, IL. The FAA’s preferred alternative is to install the ASR–9 at a site near the corner of Kress and Western Roads on the southeast side of DuPage Airport, in western DuPage County. The purpose and need of the ASR–9 is to enhance air traffic management for ORD to achieve the benefits of providing expanded radar coverage that would allow terminal air traffic control for additional new approach routes, as evaluated and approved in the O'Hare Modernization Environmental Impact Statement/Record of Decision.

The FAA has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) document in conformance with requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and FAA Order 1050.1E, Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures. The Draft EA analyzes the potential environmental effects that may result from the construction and operation of the ASR–9. The impacts of the radar are evaluated at the proposed Kress and Western site and alternative sites, including the no action alternative (i.e., not installing the ASR–9). A copy of the Draft EA is available for public review at the following locations:

- West Chicago Public Library, 118 West Washington St., West Chicago, IL
- St. Charles Public Library, 1 South Sixth Ave., St. Charles, IL
- Geneva Public Library, 127 James St., Geneva, IL
- DuPage Airport, 2700 International Drive, West Chicago, IL

The FAA will host a Public Information Meeting on Thursday, March 11, 2010 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at: Hilton Garden Inn St. Charles, 4070 East Main Street, Saint Charles, IL. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

ADDRESSES: The FAA will accept written comments on the Draft EA until close of business on March 26, 2010. Comments on the Draft EA will be accepted at the meeting or may be sent to: Ms. Virginia Marcks, FAA, AJW–C14D, 2300 East Devon Ave., Des Plaines, IL 60018, fax 847–294–7698, e-mail virginia.marcks@faa.gov. Copies of the Draft EA may be obtained by contacting Ms. Virginia Marcks.

Comments received on the Draft EA during the public comment period will be addressed in a Final EA.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration


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 POLLOCK XIII.

SUMMARY: As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, 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 MARAD–2010–0011 at http://www.regulations.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 46 U.S.C. 12121 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 March 11, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD–2010–0011. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov. 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://www.regulations.gov.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel POLLOCK XIII is: Intended Commercial Use of Vessel: “OUPV sightseeing cruises in Suisun Slough and surrounding Delta area.” Geographic Region: “California.”

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Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the