The petitioner also notes that on February 1, 2010, the current administration proposed that the funding for the Yucca Mountain repository be discontinued for what the petitioner believes are political reasons. The petitioner states that the proposed update of the NRC’s Waste Confidence Decision and proposed rule that the NRC published on October 9, 2008 (73 FR 59547), specifically Finding 2 (73 FR 59561), indicates that the NRC found reasonable assurance that a mined geologic repository for permanent disposal of spent nuclear fuel would be available within 50–60 years beyond the licensed life for operation (which may include the term of a revised or renewed license) of any reactor.

The petitioner also states that the DOE Director of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management expressed concern about adequate funding of the Yucca Mountain repository when DOE informed Congress that Yucca Mountain could be ready to accept spent nuclear fuel in 2020. The petitioner notes that the NRC denied a 2005 petition for rulemaking (PRM–51–8) by declining to define “availability” of a repository based on a presumption that an acceptable disposal site for spent nuclear fuel would become available “at some undefined time in the future.” (73 FR 59561.) The petitioner cites, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) v. NRC, 574 F.2d 633 (DC Cir. 1976), as determining that the NRC’s waste confidence decision must demonstrate compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), by assuring that “safe and adequate storage methods [for spent nuclear fuel] are technologically and economically feasible.” However, the petitioner states that the NRDC decision did not anticipate the “current political reality.”

The petitioner has concluded that the current administration’s proposed decision to no longer fund Yucca Mountain now places the possibility of a revised or renewed license to operate nuclear power plants and begin to orderly phase out existing operating nuclear power plants. The petitioner also requests that the NRC cease licensing new nuclear power plants and begin to orderly phase out existing operating nuclear power plants. The petitioner also requests that § 51.23, “Temporary storage of spent fuel after cessation of reactor operation—generic determination of no significant environmental impact,” be revoked. The petitioner has also concluded that the NRC cannot rely on existing regulations to make a determination on issuance of a construction authorization or license for a mined geologic repository at a location that has not been identified at an undetermined future time. The petitioner has also concluded that the NRC needs to strengthen the current regulations by adding additional requirements that address the political considerations of siting a mined geologic repository.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, March 25, 2010.
For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Annette L. Vietti-Cook,
Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39


RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; CFM International, S.A. Models CFM56–3 and –3B Turbofan Engines

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

ACTION: Supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM); reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: This supplemental NPRM revises an earlier proposed airworthiness directive (AD), for certain CFM International, S.A. models CFM56–3 and –3B turbofan engines. That proposed AD would have required initial and repetitive inspections for damage to the fan blades. That proposed AD resulted from a report of a failed fan blade with severe out-of-limit wear on the underside of the blade platform where it contacts the damper. This supplemental NPRM revises the proposed AD to reduce the initial inspection compliance threshold, to correct the engine model designations affected, and to clarify some of the inspection wording in the compliance section. This supplemental NPRM results from a report of a failed fan blade with severe out-of-limit wear on the underside of the blade platform where it contacts the damper. We are proposing this supplemental NPRM to prevent failure of multiple fan blades, which could result in an uncontrolled failure of the engine and damage to the airplane.

DATES: We must receive any comments on this supplemental NPRM by May 17, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Use one of the following addresses to comment on this proposed AD.

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

• Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

• Hand Delivery: Deliver to Mail address above between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

• Fax: (202) 493–2251.

You can get the service information identified in this proposed AD from CFM International, S. A., Technical Publication Department, 1 Neumann Way, Cincinnati, OH 45215; telephone (513) 552–2800; fax (513) 552–2816.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Comments Invited

We invite you to send us any written relevant data, views, or arguments regarding this proposal. Send your comments to an address listed under ADDRESSES. Include “Docket No. FAA–2009–0606; Directorate Identifier 2009–NE–11–AD” in the subject line of your comments. We specifically invite comments on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the proposed AD. We will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend the proposed AD in light of those comments.

We will post all comments we receive, without change, to http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information you provide. We will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact with FAA personnel concerning this proposed AD. Using the search function of the Web site, anyone can find and read the comments in any of our dockets, including, if provided, the name of the individual who sent the comment (or signed the comment on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the DOT’s complete Privacy Act Statement in the Federal
Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov; or in person at the Docket Operations office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this proposed AD, the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The street address for the Docket Operations office (telephone (800) 647–5527) is the same as the Mail address provided in the ADDRESSES section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after receipt.

Discussion


Since we issued the proposed AD, we discovered that we need to make some changes to reduce the initial inspection compliance threshold, to correct the engine model designations affected, and to clarify some of the inspection wording in the compliance section of the proposed AD.

Comments

We provided the public the opportunity to participate in the development of that proposed AD. We have considered the comments received.

Request to Correct the Engine Model Designations Affected

One commenter, CFM International, S.A., requests that we correct the engine model designations affected. The commenter states that the proposed AD models of CFM56–3B1 and –3B2 are incorrect and should be changed to CFM56–3–B1 and –3B–2.

We partially agree. We agree that we listed incorrect model designations. We corrected them in this supplemental NPRM to agree with the CFM56 Type Certificate Data Sheet E2GL title block, which lists the affected models as CFM56–3 and –3B. We do not agree that the model designations should be solely listed as CFM56–3–B1 and –3B–2. However, because CFM International, S.A. has added to the basic engine model number on the engine nameplate to identify minor variations in engine configuration, installation components, or reduced ratings peculiar to aircraft installation requirements, engine models CFM56–3–B1 and CFM56–3B–2 are also affected by this proposed AD.

Request To Add an Installation Prohibition

CFM International, S.A. requests that we add an installation prohibition to our proposed AD applicability, that the installation of 25 degrees midspan shroud fan blades is not allowed on the CFM56–3C engine model.

We do not agree. The applicability is clear that the proposed AD does not include the –3C engine model, as it does not list that model. We did not change the NPRM.

Request To Change the Initial Inspection Threshold

CFM International, S.A. requests that we change the initial inspection threshold from 3,000 cycles-in-service (CIS) to within 3 to 6 months of AD issuance to better harmonize our compliance with European Aviation Safety Agency AD 2009–036 (3 months) or with CFM International, S.A. CFM56–3/3B/3C S/B 72–1067, dated February 15, 2007 (6 months).

We do not agree that a 3 to 6 month interval is appropriate, as the passage of time without service is unrelated to the progression of the unsafe condition. We do agree that the initial inspection threshold of 3,000 CIS is too long. We reduced the initial inspection threshold to 900 CIS in the NPRM.

Differences Between the Supplemental NPRM and the Manufacturer’s Service Information

CFM International Service Bulletin (SB) No. CFM56–3/3B/3C S/B 72–1067, dated February 15, 2007, requires an initial inspection within 6 months. This supplemental NPRM would require the initial inspection within 900 CIS after the effective date of the supplemental NPRM. CFM International SB No. CFM56–3/3B/3C S/B 72–1067, dated February 15, 2007, also requires a repetitive inspection within 1,500 to 3,000 cycles-since-last inspection (CSLI). This supplemental NPRM would require the repetitive inspection within 3,000 CSLI.

Costs of Compliance

We estimate that this supplemental NPRM would affect 50 engines installed on airplanes of U.S. registry. We also estimate that it would take about 8 work-hours per engine to perform the proposed actions, and that the average labor rate is $80 per work-hour. Required parts would cost about $38,000 per engine. Based on these figures, we estimate the total cost of the supplemental NPRM to U.S. operators to be $1,932,000.

Authority for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA’s authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the Agency’s authority.

We are issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in subtitle VII, part A, subpart III, section 44701, “General requirements.” Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

Regulatory Findings

We have determined that this supplemental NPRM would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This supplemental NPRM would not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that the proposed regulation:

1. Is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866;
2. Is not a “significant rule” under the DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979); and
3. Would not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.
We prepared a regulatory evaluation of the estimated costs to comply with this supplemental NPRM. See the ADDRESSES section for a location to examine the regulatory evaluation.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

The Proposed Amendment

Under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive:


Comments Due Date

(a) The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) must receive comments on this airworthiness directive (AD) action by May 17, 2010.

Affected ADs

(b) None.

Applicability

(c) This AD applies to CFM International, S.A. models CFM56–3 and –3B turbofan engines with 25 degrees midspan shroud fan blades, part numbers (P/Ns) 9527M99P08, 9527M99P09, 9527M99P10, 9527M99P11, 1285M39P01, 1285M39P02, 1285M39P03, or fan blade pairs, P/Ns 335–088–901–0, 335–088–902–0, 335–088–903–0, and 335–088–904–0 installed. These engines are installed on, but not limited to, Boeing 737 series airplanes.

(d) CFM International, S.A. has added to the basic engine model number on the engine nameplate to identify minor variations in engine configuration, installation components, or reduced ratings peculiar to aircraft installation requirements.

(e) Those engines marked on the engine data plate as CFM56–3–B1 are included in this AD as CFM56–3–turbofan engines.

(f) Those engines marked on the engine data plate as CFM56–3B–2 are included in this AD as CFM56–3B turbofan engines.

Unsafe Condition

(g) This AD results from a report of a failed fan blade with severe out-of-limit wear on the underside of the blade platform where it contacts the damper. We are issuing this AD to prevent failure of multiple fan blades, which could result in an uncontained failure of the engine and damage to the airplane.

Compliance

(h) You are responsible for having the actions required by this AD performed within the compliance times specified, unless the actions have already been done.

Inspection for Wear


(j) If you find out-of-limit wear on at least one fan blade platform underside, perform the additional inspections and disposition the parts, as specified in paragraphs 3.A.(3) and 3.A.(5) or paragraphs 3.B.(3) and 3.B.(5) respectively, of the Accomplishment Instructions of CFM International SB No. CFM56–3/3B/3C S/B 72–1067, dated February 15, 2007.


(l) If you find wear on at least one fan blade platform underside, perform the additional inspections and disposition the parts, as specified in paragraphs 3.A.(3) and 3.A.(5) or paragraphs 3.B.(3) and 3.B.(5) respectively, of the Accomplishment Instructions of CFM International SB No. CFM56–3/3B/3C S/B 72–1067, dated February 15, 2007.

Installation Prohibition

(m) After the effective date of this AD, don’t install any 25 degrees midspan shroud fan blades, P/Ns 9527M99P08, 9527M99P09, 9527M99P10, 9527M99P11, 1285M39P01, or fan blade pairs, P/Ns 335–088–901–0, 335–088–902–0, 335–088–903–0, and 335–088–904–0 installed. These engines are installed on, but not limited to, Boeing 737 series airplanes.

(n) Replacing the 25 degrees midspan shroud fan blade set with a 37 degrees midspan shroud fan blade set terminates the repetitive inspection requirements specified in paragraph (k) of this AD.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(o) The Manager, Engine Certification Office, has the authority to approve alternative methods of compliance for this AD if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19.

Related Information

(p) Contact Antonio Cancelliere, Aerospace Engineer, Engine Certification Office, FAA, Engine & Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803; e-mail: antonio.cancelliere@faa.gov; telephone (781) 238–7751; fax (781) 238–7199, for more information about this AD.

(q) Contact CFM International, S.A., Technical Publication Department, 1 Neumann Way, Cincinnati, OH 45215; telephone (513) 552–2800; fax (513) 552–2016, for a copy of the service information referenced in this AD.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 165


Beverages: Bottled Water; Reopening of the Comment Period

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of the comment period.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is reopening until June 1, 2010 the comment period for the proposed rule, published in the Federal Register of August 4, 1993 (58 FR 41612), amending the quality standard for bottled water (currently in 21 CFR 165.110(b)). In the 1993 proposed rule, FDA proposed to revise the bottled water quality standard to establish or modify the allowable levels for 5 inorganic chemicals and 18 synthetic organic chemicals, and to maintain the existing allowable level for the inorganic chemical sulfate. In a final rule published March 26, 1996 (61 FR 13258), FDA maintained the existing allowable level for sulfate and adopted the proposed allowable levels for the 5 inorganic chemicals and 17 of the synthetic organic chemicals, but deferred final action on the proposed allowable level for the chemical di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP). FDA is reopening the comment period on the 1993 proposed rule to seek further comment on finalizing the allowable level for DEHP in the bottled water quality standard.

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments by June 1, 2010.