Further Information on Submitting Comments

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Issued in Washington, DC, on July 8, 2010.
Cathy Zoi,
Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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This document proposes adopting a new AD for Robinson Model R22, R22 Alpha, R22 Beta, and R22 Mariner helicopters, serial numbers (S/N) 0002 through 3325, that have more than 2,200 hours total time-in-service (TIS); and Model R44 and R44 II helicopters, S/N 0001 through 1200, that have more than 2,200 hours total TIS. The AD would require, within 100 hours TIS, visually inspecting both A359–1 and A359–2 supports for a crack and replacing any cracked or broken support before further flight, and if not cracked, measuring the thickness of both supports and if less than 0.050-inch thick, installing support safety tabs, and at the next 2,200 hour TIS overhaul, replacing any support that is less than 0.050-inch thick with a support that is at least 0.050-inch thick. This proposal is prompted by two reports of Model R22 helicopters with more than 7,000 hours TIS, with supports made from 0.040-inch thick sheet metal, experiencing broken supports during flight, which led to the T/R control pedals becoming jammed, resulting in hard landings and damage to the helicopters. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent the supports from breaking, which can bind the T/R control pedals, resulting in a reduction of yaw control and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter.

We have reviewed Robinson Helicopter Company Service Bulletin SB–63 and SB–97, both dated February 22, 2008, which describe procedures for inspecting both supports for a crack, and if no crack is found, measuring each support and installing safety tabs on supports that are less than 0.050-inch thick, and at 2,200 hour TIS overhaul, replacing certain supports. This unsafe condition is likely to exist or develop on other helicopters of the same type design. The actions would be required to be accomplished by following specified portions of the service bulletins described previously. This proposed AD would affect 4,524 helicopters of U.S. registry, and proposed actions would take approximately 0.5 work hour to inspect and measure the supports. We estimate that 2,050 helicopters would require an additional 1 work hour to install both safety tabs; 6 work hours to replace both supports if cracked or broken or before overhaul, or 3 work hours to replace both supports as part of a 2,200 hours TIS overhaul, at an average labor rate of $85 per work hour. Required parts would cost approximately $20 per support if replacement is required. Based on these figures, the total cost impact of the proposed AD on U.S. operators would be $1,101,830, assuming 1.538% (approximately 75% of the 2,050 helicopters) have both supports replaced during overhaul, and 512 helicopters (approximately 25% of the 2,050 helicopters) have both supports replaced before the next 2,200 hours TIS overhaul.

Regulatory Findings

We have determined that this proposed AD would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. Additionally, this proposed AD 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. Will 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 draft economic evaluation of the estimated costs to comply with this proposed AD. See the AD docket to examine the draft economic evaluation.

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.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

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

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend part
39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (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. Section 39.13 is amended by adding a new airworthiness directive to read as follows:


Applicability: Model R22, R22 Alpha, R22 Beta, and R22 Mariner helicopters, serial numbers (S/N) 0002 through 3325, that have more than 2,200 hours total time-in-service (TIS); and Model R44 and R44 II helicopters, S/N 0001 through 1200, that have more than 2,200 hours total TIS, certificated in any category.

Compliance: Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent the tail rotor (T/R) control pedal bearing block support (support) from breaking, which can bind the T/R control pedals, resulting in a reduction of yaw control and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter, accomplish the following:

(a) Within 100 hours TIS, visually inspect each A359–1 (left) and A359–2 (right) pedal support for a crack by referring to the figure in Robinson Helicopter Company (Robinson) Service Bulletin SB–97, dated February 22, 2008 (SB–97) for all Model R22 helicopters, and Robinson Service Bulletin SB–63, dated February 22, 2008 (SB–63) for all Model R44 helicopters.

(1) If you find a crack in a support, before further flight, replace the cracked support with an airworthy support that is at least 0.050-inch thick.

(2) For each uncracked support, measure the thickness of the support. If the support is less than 0.050-inch thick, before further flight, install a safety tab on the support in accordance with steps 4 and 5 of the Compliance Procedures section in SB–97 or SB–63, as appropriate for your model helicopter.

(b) At the next 2,200 hours TIS overhaul, replace any support that is less than 0.050-inch thick, with an airworthy support that is at least 0.050-inch thick.

(c) To request a different method of compliance or a different compliance time for this AD, follow the procedures in 14 CFR 39.19. Contact the Manager, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, FAA, ATTN: Eric D. Schriber, Aviation Safety Engineer, 3960 Paramount Blvd., Lakewood, California 90712, telephone (562) 627–5348, fax (562) 627–5210 (regarding Model R22 helicopters); or ATTN: Fred Guerin, Aviation Safety Engineer, telephone (562) 627–5232, fax (562) 627–5210 (regarding Model R44 helicopters) for information about previously approved alternative methods of compliance.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on June 7, 2010.

Mark R. Schilling,
Acting Manager, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

18 CFR Part 410

Amendments to the Water Quality Regulations, Water Code and Comprehensive Plan to Update Water Quality Criteria for Toxic Pollutants in the Delaware Estuary and Extend These Criteria to Delaware Bay

AGENCY: Delaware River Basin Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC or “Commission”) will hold a public hearing to receive comments on proposed amendments to the Commission’s Water Quality Regulations, Water Code and Comprehensive Plan to update many of the Commission’s stream quality objectives (also called water quality criteria) for human health and aquatic life for toxic pollutants in the Delaware Estuary (DRBC Water Quality Zones 2 through 5) and to extend application of the criteria to Delaware Bay (DRBC Water Quality Zone 6). The proposed changes will bring the Commission’s criteria for toxic pollutants into conformity with current guidance published by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and provide a more consistent regulatory framework for managing the tidal portion of the main stem Delaware River.

DATES: The public hearing will take place on Thursday, September 23, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. and will continue on that day until all those who wish to testify are afforded an opportunity to do so. Written comments will be accepted through 5 p.m. on Friday, October 1, 2010.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will take place in the Goddard Room at the Commission’s office building, located at 25 State Police Drive, West Trenton, New Jersey. Driving directions are available on the Commission’s Web site, http://www.drbc.net. Please do not rely on Internet mapping services as they may not provide accurate directions to this location.

Written comments may be submitted by e-mail to regs@drbc.state.nj.us by fax to Regulations at 609–883–9522; by U.S. Mail to Regulations c/o Commission Secretary, DRBC, P.O. Box 7360, West Trenton, NJ 08628–0360; or by private mail carrier to Regulations c/o Commission Secretary, DRBC, 25 State Police Drive, West Trenton, NJ 08628–0360. In all cases, please include the commenter’s name, address and affiliation if any in the comment and include “Water Quality Criteria” in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The current rule and the full text of the proposed amendments are posted on the Commission’s Web site, http://www.drbc.net, along with the report entitled “Water Quality Criteria for Toxic Pollutants for Zones 2–6 of the Delaware Estuary: Basis and Background Document” (DRBC, June 2010) and a set of PowerPoint slides presented to the Commission at the latter’s public meeting on December 9, 2009 by the chair of the Commission’s Toxics Advisory Committee. Hard copies of these materials may be obtained for the price of postage by contacting Ms. Paula Schmitt at 609–883–9500, ext. 224. For questions about the technical basis for the rule, please contact Dr. Ronald MacGillivray at 609–477–7252. For queries about the rulemaking process, please contact Pamela Bush at 609–477–7203.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: At the request of the states of Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, which border the Delaware Estuary (hereinafter, “the Estuary States”), the Commission in 1996 adopted water quality criteria for human health and aquatic life for Water Quality Zones 2 through 5 (Trenton, New Jersey to Delaware Bay) of the main stem Delaware River and the tidal portions of its tributaries for a set of pollutants that included the list of Priority Pollutants published by the EPA in accordance with section 307 of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA); other pollutants for which EPA had published national recommended criteria in accordance with section 304(a) of the CWA; and additional pollutants for which one or more of the Estuary States had adopted criteria. See 40 CFR 401.15 (consisting of a list of 65 toxic pollutants, including categories of pollutants, for which effluent limitations are required in accordance with section 307(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1317(a)(1)); Appendix A of 40 CFR Part 423 (consisting of a list of 129 “Priority Pollutants,” individual chemicals and forms of chemicals for which EPA has established national criteria for complying with section 307(a) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1314(a) (providing for criteria development and publication by EPA).