

regulatory clarity issues for the proposed rulemaking. The NRC is soliciting comments on this preliminary draft regulatory basis document from the public, licensees, and other stakeholders to confirm that an adequate regulatory basis exists to proceed with rulemaking to issue amended license renewal regulations for non-power reactors. The NRC conducted public meetings and Webinars on September 13 (ML112710285), and December 19, 2011 (ML113630166), and on June 20, 2012 (ML12177A334), to discuss the regulatory basis and to facilitate the public's and stakeholders' submission of informed comments.

The NRC is issuing this notice to solicit public comments on the preliminary draft regulatory basis to streamline non-power reactor license renewal. After the NRC staff considers public comments, it will make a determination regarding issuance of the final regulatory basis. Any subsequent versions of the regulatory basis will be posted on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) in Docket ID NRC-2011-0087. Regulations.gov allows you to receive alerts when changes or additions occur in a docket folder. To subscribe: (1) Navigate to the docket folder, NRC-2011-0087; (2) click the "Email Alert" link; and (3) enter your email address and select how frequently you would like to receive emails (daily, weekly or monthly).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of June, 2012.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### 10 CFR Part 430

[Docket No. EERE-2008-BT-STD-0005]

RIN 1904-AB57

### Energy Efficiency Program for Consumer Products: Energy Conservation Standards for Battery Chargers and External Power Supplies

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces a reopening of the comment period for 15 days in order to consider comments previously submitted after the close of

the earlier comment period and to allow interested parties to submit comments on the notice of proposed rulemaking to establish energy conservation standards for battery chargers and external power supplies.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted no later than July 16, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Any comments submitted must identify the subject matter ("Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to Establish Energy Conservation Standards for Battery Chargers and External Power Supplies") and provide the appropriate docket number (EERE-2008-BT-STD-0005) and/or RIN number (1904-AB57). Comments may be submitted using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:* [BC&EPS\\_ECS@ee.doe.gov](mailto:BC&EPS_ECS@ee.doe.gov). Include docket number EERE-BT-STD-0005 and/or RIN number 1904-AB57 in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, Mail-stop EE-2J, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to Establish Energy Conservation Standards for Battery Chargers and External Power Supplies, docket number EERE-2008-BT-STD-0005 and/or RIN number 1904-AB57, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Please submit one signed paper original.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, 950 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20024. Telephone: (202) 586-2945. Please submit one signed paper original.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mr. Jeremy Domm, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Building Technologies Program, EE-2J, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-9870. Email: [Jeremy.Domm@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Jeremy.Domm@ee.doe.gov).

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For information on how to submit or review public comments, contact Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Building Technologies Program, EE-2J, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121.

Telephone: (202) 586-2945. Email: [Brenda.Edwards@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Brenda.Edwards@ee.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 27, 2012, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published in the **Federal Register** a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) that would establish energy conservation standards for battery chargers and amend those that currently apply to Class A external power supplies (EPSs). (77 FR 18478) That notice also proposed to establish standards for non-Class A EPSs and possible labeling requirements for battery chargers and EPSs. The comment period for this NOPR closed on May 29, 2012.

Recently, after the closing of the comment period, DOE has received comments on this rulemaking from interested parties. These comments submit additional information for DOE to consider as part of its evaluation of potential standards for battery chargers and EPSs. In order to consider comments previously submitted after the close of the earlier comment period and to allow interested parties to submit comments on the NOPR, DOE has determined that a re-opening of the comment period in this rulemaking is appropriate and is hereby doing so. DOE will consider any comments received between March 27, 2012 and July 16, 2012 to be timely submitted.

### Further Information on Submitting Comments

Under 10 CFR 1004.11, any person submitting information that he or she believes to be confidential and exempt by law from public disclosure should submit two copies: one copy of the document including all the information believed to be confidential, and one copy of the document with the information believed to be confidential deleted. DOE will make its own determination about the confidential status of the information and treat it according to its determination.

Factors of interest to DOE when evaluating requests to treat submitted information as confidential include (1) a description of the items, (2) whether and why such items are customarily treated as confidential within the industry, (3) whether the information is generally known by or available from other sources, (4) whether the information has previously been made available to others without obligation concerning its confidentiality, (5) an explanation of the competitive injury to the submitting person which would result from public disclosure, (6) when such information might lose its confidential character due to the

passage of time, and (7) why disclosure of the information would be contrary to the public interest.

Issued in Washington, DC on June 25, 2012.

**Kathleen Hogan,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2012-0689; Directorate Identifier 2009-SW-065-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### **Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft-Manufactured Model S-64F Helicopters**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** We propose to supersede an existing airworthiness directive (AD) for the Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation-manufactured Model S-64F helicopters, now under the Erickson Air-Crane Incorporated (Erickson) Model S-64F type certificate. That AD currently requires inspections, rework, and replacement, if necessary, of the main gearbox (MGB) second stage lower planetary plate (plate). Since we issued that AD, the manufacturer has conducted a configuration review and analysis, and a review of the service history of certain components. The proposed actions are intended to establish life limits for certain components, remove various parts from service, and require consistency in the part numbers of certain four bladed tail rotor (T/R) assemblies to prevent fatigue cracking, failure from static overload, and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter.

**DATES:** We must receive comments on this proposed AD by August 28, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Docket:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.
- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Send comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building

Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

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

#### **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 economic evaluation, any comments received and other information. The street address for the Docket Operations Office (telephone 800-647-5527) is in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after receipt.

For service information identified in this proposed AD, contact Erickson Air-Crane Incorporated, ATTN: Chris Erickson/Compliance Officer, 3100 Willow Springs Rd, P.O. Box 3247, Central Point, OR 97502, telephone (541) 664-5544, fax (541) 664-2312, email address [cerickson@ericksonaircrane.com](mailto:cerickson@ericksonaircrane.com). You may review a copy of this service information at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Room 663, Fort Worth, Texas 76137.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Kohner, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, Rotorcraft Directorate, Rotorcraft Certification Office, Fort Worth, Texas 76137, telephone (817) 222-5170, email [7-avs-asw-170@faa.gov](mailto:7-avs-asw-170@faa.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Comments Invited**

We invite you to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written comments, data, or views. We also invite comments relating to the economic, environmental, energy, or federalism impacts that might result from adopting the proposals in this document. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the proposal, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. To ensure the docket does not contain duplicate comments, commenters should send only one copy of written comments, or if comments are filed electronically, commenters should submit only one time.

We will file in the docket all comments that we receive, as well as a report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerning this proposed rulemaking.

Before acting on this proposal, we will consider all comments we receive on or before the closing date for comments. We will consider comments filed after the comment period has closed if it is possible to do so without incurring expense or delay. We may change this proposal in light of the comments we receive.

#### **Discussion**

On May 9, 1997, we issued AD 97-10-15, Amendment 39-10028 (62 FR 28321, May 23, 1997), for the Sikorsky Aircraft-manufactured Model S-64F helicopters (now under the Erickson Model S-64F helicopter type certificate) with a plate, P/N 6435-20516-101, with 2,000 or more hours time-in-service (TIS). That AD requires, before the first flight of each day, inspecting the MGB main oil filter for magnesium contamination, and if magnesium contamination is present, replacing the MGB assembly. That AD also requires inspecting the MGB assembly within 100 hours TIS, and thereafter at intervals not to exceed 500 hours TIS, and if necessary, replacing the MGB assembly. Finally, that AD requires, at the next overhaul of the MGB assembly, inspecting and reworking the plate. That action was prompted by two incidents in which the plate was found cracked. The requirements of that AD are intended to prevent failure of the plate due to fatigue cracking, which could lead to failure of the MGB and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter.

#### **Actions Since Existing AD Was Issued**

Since we issued AD 97-10-15, Erickson has performed additional analysis as a part of a configuration review and has also reviewed the service history of certain components. Erickson determined that certain life-limits and other maintenance requirements need to be revised, and released Erickson Service Bulletin (SB) No. 64F General-1, Revision 17, dated August 17, 2010 (SB No. 64F General-1, Rev. 17). We have reviewed this SB and have determined that the retirement lives of certain parts need to be revised. We have also determined that certain parts, including the plate, P/N 6435-20516-101, which is the subject of the existing AD, should be removed from service and should no longer be eligible for installation on these helicopters.

#### **FAA's Determination**

We are proposing this AD because we evaluated all the relevant information and determined the unsafe condition described previously is likely to exist or