

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****[Summary Notice No. PE-2018-09]****Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; DroneSeed Co.****AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, the FAA's exemption process. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number and must be received on or before April 18, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by docket number FAA-2017-1157 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M-30; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12-140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Operations at 202-493-2251.

Privacy: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy>.

Docket: Background documents or comments received may be read at <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket or go to the Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200

New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jake Troutman, (202) 683-7788, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591. This notice is published pursuant to 14 CFR 11.85.

Issued in Washington, DC.

Lirio Liu,

Director, Office of Rulemaking.

Petition for Exemption

Docket No.: FAA-2017-1157.

Petitioner: DroneSeed Company.

Section(s) of 14 CFR Affected:

§§ 91.7(a); 91.119(c); 91.121; 91.151(b); 91.405(a); 91.407(a)(l); 91.409(a)(l) & (2); 91.417(a) & (b); 137.19(c), (d) & (e)(2)(ii)(iii) & (v); 137.31; 137.33; 137.41(c); 137.42.

Description of Relief Sought: The petitioner is requesting relief in order to operate three unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) weighing 55 pounds or more, not exceeding 185 pounds, for aerial agricultural operations in remote operating environments. The three UAS are the HSE AG V8A+ v2, the DS-10, and the DS-11, weighing 55 pounds (lbs.), 124.09 lbs., and 102.5 lbs., respectively, at maximum (fully loaded) take-off weight. The petitioner also requests relief to allow a single person to act as remote pilot in command for up to fifteen simultaneous operations of UAS weighing 55 lbs. or more. Additionally, the petitioner is requesting relief for the pilot in command to operate the UAS weighing 55 lbs. or more with a remote pilot certificate.

[FR Doc. 2018-06332 Filed 3-28-18; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-13-P

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration****Environmental Impact Statement: Alexander, Pulaski, and Union Counties, Illinois**

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice to rescind a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will not be prepared for a proposed transportation project in Alexander, Pulaski, and Union Counties, Illinois between the intersection of Illinois Route 3 with Illinois Route 146 and Interstate 57.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Catherine A. Batey, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, 3250 Executive Park Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703, Phone: (217) 492-4600. Jeffrey L. Keirn, Deputy Director of Highways, Region 5 Engineer, Illinois Department of Transportation, 1102 Eastport Plaza Drive, Collinsville, Illinois 62234, Phone: (618) 346-3110.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation, issued a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) in 2015 (80 FR 73871, November 25, 2015). The project proposal was to improve transportation between the identified project termini.

The project is being cancelled and no further activities will occur for the Shawnee Parkway project at this time.

Comments or questions concerning this notice should be directed to FHWA or the Illinois Department of Transportation at the addresses provided above.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 23 CFR 771.123; 49 CFR 1.48

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Issued on: March 9, 2018.

Catherine A. Batey,

Division Administrator, Springfield, Illinois.

[FR Doc. 2018-06329 Filed 3-28-18; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-22-P

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Railroad Administration****[Docket No. FRA-2018-0027]****Automation in the Railroad Industry**

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Request for Information (RFI).

SUMMARY: This request for information notice replaces the version published in the **Federal Register** on March 22, 2018 (83 FR 12646), to make technical corrections to the prior version. FRA requests information and comment on the future of automation in the railroad industry. FRA is interested in hearing from industry stakeholders, the public, local and State governments, and any other interested parties on the potential benefits, costs, risks, and challenges to