

compatibility program will be approved or disapproved on or before June 9, 1997.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The effective date of the start of FAA's review of the noise compatibility program is December 12, 1996. The public comment period ends on February 10, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Bahman H. Tash, Airport Planner, AWP-611.5, Planning Section, Western-Pacific Region, Federal Aviation Administration, Telephone: (310) 725-3616. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 92007, Worldway Postal Center, Los Angeles, California 90009-2007. Street Address: 15000 Aviation Boulevard, Room 3012, Hawthorne, California 90261.

Comments on the proposed noise compatibility program should also be submitted to the above office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice announces that the FAA is reviewing a proposed noise compatibility program for Meadows Field which will be approved or disapproved on or before June 9, 1997. This notice also announces the availability of this program for public review and comment.

An airport operator who has submitted noise exposure maps that are found by FAA to be in compliance with the requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 150, promulgated pursuant to Title I of the Act, may submit a noise compatibility program for FAA approval which sets forth the measures the operator has taken or proposes for the reduction of existing noncompatible uses and for the prevention of the introduction of additional noncompatible uses.

The FAA formally received the noise compatibility program for Meadows Field effective on December 12, 1996. It was requested that the FAA review this material and that the noise mitigation measures, to be implemented jointly by the airport and surrounding communities, be approved as noise compatibility program under Section 104(b) of the Act. Preliminary review of the submitted material indicates that it conforms to the requirements for the submittal of noise compatibility programs, but that further review will be necessary prior to approval or disapproval of the program. The formal review period, limited by law to a maximum of 180 days, will be completed on or before June 9, 1997.

The FAA's detailed evaluation will be conducted under the provisions of 14 CFR Part 150, § 150.33. The primary considerations in the evaluation process are whether the proposed measures may reduce the level of aviation safety,

create an undue burden on interstate or foreign commerce, or be reasonably consistent with obtaining the goal of reducing existing noncompatible land uses and preventing the introduction of additional noncompatible land uses.

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed program with specific reference to these factors. All comments, other than those properly addressed to local land use authorities, will be considered by the FAA to the extent practicable. Copies of the noise exposure maps, the FAA evaluation of the maps, and the proposed noise compatibility program are available for examination at the following locations:

Federal Aviation Administration,  
National Headquarters, 800  
Independence Avenue, SW., Room  
617, Washington, D.C. 20591  
Federal Aviation Administration,  
Western-Pacific Region Office,  
Airports Division, Room, 3012, 15000  
Aviation Boulevard, Hawthorne,  
California 90261

Mr. Raymond C. Bishop, Director, Kern County Department of Airports, 1401 Skyway Drive, Suite 200, Bakersfield, California 93308-1697

Questions may be directed to the individual named above under the heading, **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Hawthorne, California on December 12, 1996.

Herman C. Bliss,

*Manager, Airports Division, AWP-600,  
Western-Pacific Region.*

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### **Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting on Aircraft Certification Procedures Issues**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of the Federal Aviation Administration's Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to discuss Aircraft Certification Procedures issues.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on January 16, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. Arrange for oral presentations by January 6, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at GAMA, 1400 K St. NW., Suite 801, Washington, DC 20005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jeanne Trapani, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-208), 800 Independence Avenue,

SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-7624.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. II), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Aviation Rulemaking advisory committee to be held on January 16, 1997, at GAMA, 1400 K St. NW., Suite 801, Washington, DC 20005. The agenda for the meeting will include:

Opening Remarks.

Report on ARAC Regulatory Review meeting.

Old Business, to include approval of previous meeting minutes, status of Technical Standard Order C148, status of Emergency Locator Transmitters, status of notice of proposed rulemaking recommendation regarding changes to certification procedures.

Working Group Reports.

Production Certification

Parts

Delegation

New Business.

Attendance is open to the interested public, but will be limited to the space available. The public must make arrangements by January 6, 1997, to present oral statements at the meeting. The public may present written statements to the committee at any time by providing 25 copies to the Assistant Executive Director for Aircraft Certification Procedures or by bringing the copies to him at the meeting. Arrangements may be made by contacting the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Sign and oral interpretation can be made available at the meeting, as well as an assistive listening device, if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 16, 1996.

Ava L. Mims,

*Assistant Executive Director, ARAC on  
Aircraft Certification Procedures Issues.*

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### **RTCA, Inc., Special Committee 159; Minimum Operational Performance Standards for Airborne Navigation Equipment Using Global Positioning System (GPS)**

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee (SC) 159 meeting to be held January 6-10, 1997, starting at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at RTCA, 1140

Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington DC 20036.

The agenda will be as follows:

*Specific Working Group (WG) Sessions*

January 6: WG 2, WAAS Precision  
January 7: WG 2, WAAS Precision (continued); WG 2A, GPS/GLONASS; WG 4B, Airport surface Surveillance (WG-4B will meet at ALPA, 1625 Massachusetts Avenue, 8th Floor, Washington, DC.)

January 8-9: WG 4A, Precision Landing Guidance (LAAS CAT I/II/III).

*Plenary Session*

January 10: (1) Chairman's Introductory Remarks; (2) Review/Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting; (3) Review WG Progress and Identify Issues for Resolution: GPS/WAAS (WG 2); GPS/GLONASS (WG 2A); GPS/Precision Landing Guidance and Airport Surface Surveillance (WG 4); (4) Review of EUROCAE Activities; (5) Assignment/Review of Future Work; (6) Other Business; (7) Date and Location of Next Meeting.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 833-9339 (phone) or (202) 833-9434 (fax). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 16, 1996.

Janice L. Peters,

*Designated Official.*

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**RTCA, Inc., Joint RTCA Special Committee 189/EUROCAE Working Group 53; Air Traffic Services Safety and Interoperability Requirements**

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a joint RTCA Special Committee (SC) 189/EUROCAE Working Group (WG) 53 meeting to be held January 6-10, 1997, starting at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at EUROCAE, 17 rue Hamelin, 75116 Paris, Cedex 16, France. The point of contact is Mr. Francis Grimal, Secretary General, EUROCAE, 33-1-450-57-188 (phone) and 33-1-455-30-393 (fax).

The agenda will be as follows:

January 6, Plenary Session: Review and Approval of Terms of Reference; Discussion on SC 189-WG 53 Process, as Defined in Position Paper P001-C (Ref. RTCA Paper No. 402-96/SC-189-004); Overview of Position Paper Issues, Nomenclature, and Procedures; Integration of the Sub-Groups (SG), with Identification of Co-Chairs and Members; SG External Organizations Interface Process;

Work Program Expectations, Product Deliverables, and Schedule; Role of CAA Advisory Group; SG Program Updates and Status Reports (SG 1 Interoperability Requirements; SG 2 Safety Objectives; SG 3 Performance Objectives); Co-Chair Summary and Action Item Review.

January 7-9, Separate SG Meetings: SG 1 Interoperability Requirements; SG 2 Safety Objectives; SG 3 Performance Objectives; CAA Advisory Group, as Necessary.

Friday, January 10, Plenary Session/Wrap-up: SG Reports (SG 1, SG 2, SG 3); Summaries, Open Issues, and Action Item Review; Review of Preliminary Meeting Summary; Co-Chair Wrap-up; Follow-on Meeting(s) Venue and Schedule.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 1020, Washington, DC, 20036; (202) 833-9339 (phone) or (202) 833-9434 (fax). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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Janice L. Peters,

*Designated Official.*

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**Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1163X)]

**Consolidated Rail Corporation—  
Abandonment Exemption—in  
Northampton County, PA**

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

**SUMMARY:** Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board exempts from the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 the abandonment by Consolidated Rail Corporation of 3.8 miles of rail line between milepost 79.0 and milepost 82.8 in Northampton County, PA, subject to: (1) standard labor protection conditions; (2) a public use condition; and (3) a trail use condition.

**DATES:** The exemption will be effective January 19, 1997 unless it is stayed or a formal statement of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) is filed. Statements of intent to file an OFA<sup>1</sup> under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2) and requests for a notice of interim trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by December 30, 1996; petitions to stay must be filed by January 6, 1997;

<sup>1</sup> See *Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.*, 4 I.C.C.2d 164 (1987).

and petitions to reopen must be filed by January 14, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** An original and 10 copies of all pleadings referring to STB Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1163X) must be filed with: Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Surface Transportation Board, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20423; in addition, a copy of all pleadings must be served on petitioner's representative: Robert S. Natalini, Esq., Consolidated Rail Corporation, 2001 Market Street—16A, Philadelphia, PA 19101-1416.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 927-5660. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call or pick up in person from: DC NEWS & DATA, INC., 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 2229, Washington, DC 20423. Telephone: (202) 289-4357/4359. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services at (202) 927-5721.]

Decided: December 9, 1996.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Simmons, and Commissioner Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,

*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Office of Foreign Assets Control**

**Information Collection; Comment Request**

**ACTION:** Federal Register Pre-Clearance Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control is soliciting comments concerning the civil penalty provisions, of the Foreign Assets Control Regulations, 31 CFR §§ 500.703 and 500.704.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before February 18, 1997 to be assured of consideration.