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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the public docket, contact Carol Kelly, Coast Guard Dockets Team Leader, or Paulette Twine, Chief, Documentary Services Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-9329. For information concerning this notice, contact LCDR Scott J. Ferguson, Office of Investigations and Analysis (G-MOA), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; telephone 202-267-0715/1430, fax 202-267-1416, e-mail sferguson@comdt.uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

National Maritime Safety Incident Reporting System

The Coast Guard, in cooperation with the Maritime Administration, plans to assist in the creation of an industry-wide team that will design, develop, and implement a practical, voluntary, and confidential national maritime safety incident reporting system run by a non-regulatory party and/or a network of parties (public and/or private). The system would receive, analyze, and disseminate information about near-casualties (unsafe occurrences), hazardous situations, and lessons-learned from corrective actions. These near-casualties or problem events are an untapped source of information that can serve as leading indicators on safety in the maritime community providing information that can be used to prevent accidents before they happen. The information gleaned from this system will serve as a baseline to foster continuous improvement in safety throughout all segments of the maritime community. The system will help prevent marine casualties, injuries and property damage including environmental damage, and create a safer and more efficient marine transportation system and mariner work environment. Success will depend on the extent of industry involvement and leadership in this process; on the resulting mechanism for gathering the data; and on developing the means for effectively analyzing, using, and disseminating the information gleaned.

Procedure

The Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration will hold a joint public meeting on May 4, 1998 in Washington, DC to invite ideas, comments, questions, and interest by individual and organizations willing to participate as members and lead an industry-wide

team to develop this system. The meeting will be in the form of an informal workshop open to the public. With advance notice, and as time permits, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting. Persons wishing to make oral presentations should notify LCDR Scott J. Ferguson no later than the day before the meeting. Persons wishing to make their material available at the meeting should forward 25 copies to LCDR Scott J. Ferguson at Commandant (G-MOA), U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. These copies are in addition to the copy sent to the Docket Management Facility. Written comments may also be submitted during the meeting. Any material submitted after the meeting should be sent to the Docket Management Facility. Persons unable to attend the public meetings should submit written material as outlined above. It is anticipated that more public meetings will be held at later dates in various parts of the country. Dates and locations of these meetings will be published via a separate notice in the **Federal Register**.

Questions

We especially need your help in answering the following questions, although additional information is welcome. In responding to each question, please explain your reasons for each answer so that the consequences and impacts can be carefully weighed.

1. Would a national maritime safety incident reporting system such as described in this notice be beneficial? Why or why not? If yes, what are the potential benefits of such a system?
2. How should near-casualty and precursor events (hazardous situations) be defined? In responding consider the relationship with existing requirements to report marine casualties (46 CFR 4.05-10) and hazardous conditions (33 CFR 160.203 and 160.215).
3. What legislation and or regulatory changes, if any, should be considered to promote the use of the system?
4. How should the system be designed, developed, and implemented? Should this be done by the Government, by a cross sectional industry committee within an industry based organizational umbrella, or another combination? Who in industry should take a leadership role in the design, development, and implementation process with the Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration's assistance? The identification of industry members

willing to lead this project is a key first step towards its success.

5. Who should run the system? The Coast Guard envisions a non-regulatory party or network of parties (public and/or private). Is there a better option? Who in the maritime community is willing and able to run this system? How should the system be funded? How much will it cost?

6. What are the potential problems with a national maritime safety incident reporting system? How would the system developers overcome these problems? Will mariners be willing to use the system? What could be done to promote mariner wholehearted support and use of the system?

7. What other issues must be resolved to turn this idea into a full fledged working system? In responding to this question please include your ideas on how they can be resolved. What is the next step(s)?

The Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration intend to do the following with the information received: Evaluate the information; identify industry leadership to run the project and participants; discuss the results in another Federal Register document; use it as a basis for other meetings; and develop a plan or blueprint to design, develop, and implement a national maritime safety incident reporting system.

Information on Services for Individual With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact LCDR Scott J. Ferguson as soon as possible, at least one week prior to the date of the meeting.

Dated: April 3, 1998.

R.C. North,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Receipt of Noise Compatibility Program, Forth Worth Meacham International Airport, Fort Worth, Texas

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces that it is reviewing proposed modifications to

the previously approved noise compatibility program that was submitted for Fort Worth Meacham International Airport, Fort Worth, Texas under the provisions of Title 49, USC, Chapter 475 (hereinafter referred to as "Title 49") and 14 CFR Part 150 by the City of Fort Worth, Texas. The current noise compatibility program was approved on February 7, 1995. The proposed modifications will be approved or disapproved on or before September 23, 1998.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of the start of the FAA's review of the noise compatibility program is March 27, 1998. The public comment period ends May 26, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mike Nicely, Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0650, (817) 222-5606. 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 proposed modifications to the previously approved noise compatibility program for Fort Worth Meacham International Airport which will be approved or disapproved on or before September 23, 1998. This notice also announces the availability of these proposed modifications 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 49, may submit a noise compatibility program and subsequent amendments for the FAA's 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 has formally received the proposed modifications to the noise compatibility program for Fort Worth Meacham International Airport, effective on March 27, 1998. It was requested that the FAA review this material and that the proposed noise mitigation measures, to be implemented by the airport, be approved as modifications to the existing noise compatibility program under Title 49. 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 modifications. The formal review

period, limited by law to a maximum of 180 days, will be completed on or before September 23, 1998.

The FAA's detailed evaluation will be conducted under the provisions of 14 CFR Part 150, section 150.33. The primary considerations in the evaluation process are whether the proposed modification 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 modifications 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's evaluation of the maps, the existing noise compatibility program, and the proposed modifications are available for examination at the following locations:

Federal Aviation Administration,
Airports Division, 2601 Meacham
Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas 76137.
Fort Worth Meacham International
Airport, 4201 North Main Street, Suite
200, Fort Worth, Texas 76106-2736.

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

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Naomi L. Saunders,
Manager, Airports Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[RTCA Special Committee 192]

National Airspace Review Planning and Analysis

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 the Special Committee 192 meeting to be held April 22, 1998, starting at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at RTCA, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036.

The agenda will be as follows: (1) Plenary Session: (a) Chairman's Introductory Remarks; (b) Approval of Proposed Meeting Agenda; (c) Review

and Approval of Summary of the Previous Meeting; (2) Report from Design and Infrastructure Work Group; (3) Report from Modeling and Measurement Work Group; (4) Review and Approval of Final Draft, FAA/ Industry Guidelines and Concepts for National Airspace Analysis and Redesign; (5) Discussion of Future Activities; (6) Set Agenda for Next Meeting; (7) Date and Place 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); (202) 833-9434 (fax); or <http://www.rtca.org> (web site). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 3, 1998.

Janice L. Peters,

Designated Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[FHWA Docket No. 98-3664]

Notice of Request for Renewal of Currently Approved Information Collection; Outdoor Advertising and Junkyard Report

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirement in section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the FHWA to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew the information collection that measures the manner and extent to which the FHWA collects outdoor advertising sign and junkyard statistical information from the States.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 8, 1998.

ADDRESSES: All signed, written comments should refer to the docket number that appears in the heading of this notice and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW.,