

compatibility program or to fund the implementation of that program.

If questions arise concerning the precise relationship of specific properties to noise exposure contours depicted on a noise exposure map submitted under section 103 of the Act, it should be noted that the FAA is not involved in any way in determining the relative locations of specific properties with regard to the depicted noise contours, or in interpreting the noise exposure maps to resolve questions concerning, for example, which properties should be covered by the provisions of section 107 of the Act. These functions are inseparable from the ultimate land use control and planning responsibilities of local government. These local responsibilities are not changed in any way under Part 150 or through FAA's review of noise exposure maps. Therefore, the responsibility for the detailed overlaying of noise exposure contours onto the map depicting properties on the surface rests exclusively with the airport operator which submitted those maps, or with those public agencies and planning agencies with which consultation is required under section 103 of the Act. The FAA has relied on the certification by the airport operator, under section 150.21 of FAR Part 150, that the statutorily required consultation has been accomplished.

The FAA has formally received the noise compatibility program for the Juneau International Airport, also effective on June 16, 2000. Preliminary review of the submitted material indicates that it conforms to the requirements for the submittal of noise compatibility programs, but the 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 December 13, 2000.

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 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 non-compatible land uses and preventing the introduction of additional non-compatible 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's evaluation of the maps, and the proposed noise compatibility program are available for examination at the following locations:

Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 617, Washington, DC 20591
Federal Aviation Administration, Alaskan Region, Airports Division, AAL-600, 222 West 7th Ave., Box 14, Anchorage, Alaska 99513
Juneau International Airport, Attn.: Allen Heese, Manager, 1873 Shell Simmons Drive, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

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

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Ronnie V. Simpson,

Airports Division, AAL-600, Alaskan Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Planned Modification of the Cincinnati Class B Airspace Area, OH

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice announces two fact-finding informal airspace meetings. The purpose of these meetings is to provide interested parties an opportunity to present views, recommendations, and comments on the plan to modify the Cincinnati Class B Airspace Area. All comments received during these meetings will be considered prior to any revision or issuance of a notice of proposed rulemaking.

TIMES AND DATES: *Meetings.* These informal airspace meetings will be held on Wednesday, August 16, 2000, at 7:00 pm-9:00 pm; and Thursday, August 17, 2000, at 7:00 pm-9:00 pm. Comments must be received on or before September 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: On August 16 and August 17, 2000, the meetings will be held at the Dennert's Community Meeting Room, Lunken Airport, 351 Wilmer Avenue, Cincinnati, OH.

COMMENTS: Send comments on the planned modification in triplicate to: Manager, Air Traffic Division, ASO-500, Federal Aviation Administration, P.O. Box 20636, Atlanta, GA 30320.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Wheeler, FAA, Manager, Cincinnati Airport Traffic Control Tower, Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, P.O. Box 75003, Cincinnati, OH 45275, telephone (859) 372-6400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Procedures

(a) These meetings will be informal in nature and will be conducted by a representative of the FAA Southern Region. A representative from the FAA will present a formal briefing on the planned changes to the Class B airspace area. Each participant will be given an opportunity to deliver comments or make a presentation at the meetings.

(b) These meetings will be open to all persons on a space-available basis. There will be no admission fee or other charge to attend and participate.

(c) Any person wishing to make a presentation to the FAA panel will be asked to sign in and estimate the amount of time needed for such presentation. This will permit the panel to allocate an appropriate amount of time for each presenter.

(d) These meetings will not be adjourned until everyone on the list has had an opportunity to address the panel.

(e) Position papers or other handout material relating to the substance of these meetings will be accepted. Participants wishing to submit handout material should present three copies to the presiding officer. There should be additional copies of each handout available for other attendees.

(f) These meetings will not be formally recorded.

Agenda for the Meetings

Presentation of Meeting Procedures.
Presentation of the planned Class B Airspace Area Modification.
Public Presentations and Discussions.
Closing Comments.

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Reginald C. Matthews,

Manager, Airspace and Rules Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance

with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

Canadian National/Illinois Central Railroad (CN/IC) (Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-1999-6143)

CN/IC is seeking a permanent waiver of compliance with the Railroad Safety Appliance Standards, 49 CFR part 231.27(b)(4)(ii), which requires that "When made of material other than wood, the tread surface shall be of anti-skid design and constructed with sufficient open space to permit the elimination of snow and ice from the tread surface." In FRA's Technical Bulletin MP&E 98-17, issued on June 15, 1998 (originally issued in 1990 as Technical Bulletin MP&E 90-11) the floor most closely resemble cars described in Part 231.27, "House and other box cars without hatch covers built or put in service after October 1, 1966." CN/IC states that its 350 cars (reporting marks ICG 978650 to and including 978999) were built between 1981 and 1982. CN/IC further states that the original specifications for the car's construction required that all safety appliances will be in accordance with the United States Safety Appliance Standards and Power Brake Requirements as issued by FRA. CN/IC was under the assumption that the cars would have been grandfathered as having an excepted design. CN/IC cited its records which indicate that the car's end platform arrangements have never been stipulated as the primary or secondary cause in a personnel injury. CN/IC maintains that the demand for the bulkhead flatcars has been minimal, and thirty-one percent of the cars are either retired, bad ordered, not operating in the U.S., or in storage. Therefore, CN/IC requests that a waiver of compliance be granted for this series of cars.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number 1999-6143) and

must be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-001. Communications received within 30 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) at the DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401 (Plaza Level), 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

Columbia Business Center (Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2000-7301)

Columbia Business Center of Vancouver, Washington, seeks a permanent waiver of compliance from the requirements of 49 CFR part 223, Safety Glazing Standards, for its two locomotives. This request was formerly handled under FRA docket number RSGM-98-1. The subjects of this petition are a GE 80-ton center cab (940 HP) locomotive and a GE 25-ton (150 HP) locomotive. Both units currently have laminated glass throughout the cabs showing the following information:

Safety Duolite A52,95
Viracon-1 Lam.DOT129,16CFR,1201
M40 CAT. II/A5-1,09,88
Hi-test Safety Sheet AS,FV.

These locomotives are used exclusively by Columbia Business Center on 2.81 miles of Columbia Business Center owned track within the Columbia Business Center Industrial Park. The railroad has had no accidents, incidents, or acts of vandalism relative to the proposed relief.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number 2000-7301) and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401 (Plaza Level), 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

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