

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Office of Commercial Space Transportation: Notice of Availability and Request for Comment on the Draft Environmental Assessment for SpaceX Falcon Launches at Kennedy Space Center and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality NEPA implementing regulations, and FAA Order 1050.1F, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*, the FAA is announcing the availability of and requesting comment on the Draft Environmental Assessment for SpaceX Falcon Launches at Kennedy Space Center and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station (Draft EA).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 20, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be mailed to Mr. Daniel Czelusniak, Environmental Protection Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Suite 325, Washington, DC 20591. Comments may also be submitted by email to FAAFalconProgramEA@icf.com.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Daniel Czelusniak, Environmental Protection Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Suite 325, Washington, DC 20591; phone (202) 267-5924; email Daniel.Czelusniak@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: SpaceX is applying to the FAA for launch licenses to launch the Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy from Kennedy Space Center's (KSC) Launch Complex 39A (LC-39A) and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station's (CCAFS) Launch Complex 40 (LC-40). SpaceX is also applying to the FAA for reentry licenses for Dragon reentry operations. The FAA's proposal to issue licenses to SpaceX is considered a major federal action subject to environmental review under NEPA. Due to SpaceX's ability to launch more frequently at KSC and CCAFS, SpaceX's launch manifest includes more annual Falcon launches and Dragon reentries than were considered in previous NEPA analyses. Also, SpaceX is proposing to add a new Falcon 9 southern launch trajectory from Florida for payloads requiring polar orbits. SpaceX is also proposing to

construct a mobile service tower (MST) at LC-39A to support commercial launches and the U.S. Air Force's National Security Space Launch program. NASA is responsible for approving the construction of the MST at LC-39A. The FAA has no federal action related to the construction of the MST.

Alternatives under consideration include the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternative. Under the No Action Alternative, the FAA would not modify existing SpaceX licenses or issue new licenses to SpaceX for Falcon launches or Dragon reentry operations at KSC and CCAFS. SpaceX would continue Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launch operations at KSC and CCAFS, as well as Dragon reentry operations, as analyzed in previous NEPA and environmental reviews and in accordance with existing FAA licenses until the licenses expire.

The Draft EA evaluates the potential environmental impacts from the Proposed Action and No Action Alternative on air quality; biological resources; climate; coastal resources; Department of Transportation Act Section 4(f); farmlands; hazardous materials, solid waste, and pollution prevention; historical, architectural, archeological, and cultural resources; land use; natural resources and energy supply; noise and noise-compatible land use; socioeconomic, environmental justice, and children's environmental health and safety risks; visual effects (including light emissions); and water resources.

The FAA has posted the Draft EA on the FAA Office of Commercial Space Transportation website: https://www.faa.gov/space/environmental/nepa_docs/.

The FAA encourages all interested parties to provide comments concerning the scope and content of the Draft EA. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask the FAA in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, the FAA cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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Daniel Murray,
Manager, Space Transportation Development Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration**

[Summary Notice No. PE-2020-09]

Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; The Boeing Company

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petition for exemption received.

SUMMARY: This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of Federal Aviation 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 March 18, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by docket number FAA-2020-0066 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:

Mark Forseth, AIR-673, Federal Aviation Administration, 2200 South 216th Street, Des Moines, WA 98198, phone and fax 206-231-3179, email mark.forseth@faa.gov.

This notice is published pursuant to 14 CFR 11.85.

Issued in Des Moines, Washington, on February 19, 2020.

Paul R. Siegmund,

Acting Manager, Transport Standards Branch.

Petition for Exemption

Docket No.: FAA-2020-0066.

Petitioner: The Boeing Company.

Section(s) of 14 CFR Affected:

§ 25.863(a), (b)(1), and (b)(3).

Description of Relief Sought: Boeing seeks relief to allow drainage provisions on the plug portion of the engine exhaust assembly (the “long” exhaust configuration) on a limited number of Boeing Model 737-600, -700, -700C, -800, -900, and -900ER (collectively known as 737NG) airplanes, line numbers 1 thru 3761; as well as allow operators to install the long exhaust configuration with drainage provisions on these airplanes for line numbers greater than line number 3761.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2020-0016]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this provides the public notice that on January 7, 2020, the Northeast Illinois Railroad Corporation (Metra) and the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal Railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR 238.309(b)(3). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2020-0016.

Metra and NICTD seek relief from the requirement to clean, repair, and test every 1,840 days (5 years) for their “KB-HL1” air brake system to study the feasibility of clean, repair, and test intervals extended beyond 5 years. Specifically, this petition serves as an

update to a previously approved FRA waiver contained at Docket Number FRA-2006-24562, now expired, which allowed a 5-year (1,840 days) clean, repair, and test interval, instead of the previous 2-year requirement. Due to the increased size of the fleets and the continued high level of reliability, performance, and safety of the KB-HL-1 air brake system, petitioners request to restart the relief as an age exploration waiver, to allow intervals beyond 5 years.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation’s (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

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 parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, 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 and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Website:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

- *Mail:* Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery:* 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by April 13, 2020 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better

inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of www.regulations.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC.

John Karl Alexy,

Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety, Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Notice Rescinding Two Notices of Intent To Prepare Environmental Impact Statements

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: FRA is issuing this notice to advise the public that FRA is rescinding the Notice of Intent (NOI) for each Environmental Impact Statement (EIS): the Dallas to Fort Worth Core Express Passenger Service between Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas and the New Orleans Rail Gateway in Jefferson and Orleans Parishes, Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Johnsen, Supervisory Environmental Protection Specialist, at the Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590; telephone (202) 493-0845 or email Michael.Johnsen@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

FRA is rescinding the NOIs for two EISs due to project scope changes proposed by the State sponsor. First, FRA is rescinding the NOI for the EIS evaluating the Dallas to Fort Worth Core Express Passenger Service between Dallas and Fort Worth. FRA issued the NOI on September 5, 2014.

Second, FRA is rescinding the NOI for the EIS evaluating the proposed New Orleans Rail Gateway Program. FRA issued the NOI on January 13, 2012.

FRA is rescinding these NOIs following coordination with the State sponsors.