

effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. However, 49 U.S.C. 11326(c) does not provide for labor protection for transactions under 49 U.S.C. 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Because this transaction involves Class III rail carriers only, the Board, under the statute, may not impose labor protective conditions for this transaction.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions to stay must be filed no later than June 24, 2021 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No FD 36465, should be filed with the Surface Transportation Board via e-filing on the Board's website. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Holdings' representative, Bradon J. Smith, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606-3208.

According to Holdings, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic preservation reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b).

Board decisions and notices are available at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

Decided: June 14, 2021.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Kenyatta Clay,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### **Draft Environmental Assessment; Establishment of Restricted Area R- 2511 at Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, CA**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT; Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy (DON) has prepared and filed the *Draft Environmental Assessment*—

*Establishment of Restricted Area R-2511 at Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, California* with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) evaluates the potential environmental consequences associated with the establishment of a special use airspace (SUA) consisting of one restricted area (RA). The new SUA would connect the existing R-2505 and R-2524 RAs. The new RA would be titled R-2511 and have the same dimensions as the existing Trona Controlled Firing Area (TCFA).

**DATES:** The 15-day public comment period starts June 17, 2021, and ends July 2, 2021. All public comments are due by July 2, 2021. Due to current federal and state guidance on social distancing in response to COVID-19, the DON will not hold public meetings during the Draft EA public comment period.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments with the subject line "R-2511 Draft EA—Public Comments" by mail at 901 North Heritage Drive, Suite 204, Ridgecrest, California 93555, email [Comments@R2511EA.com](mailto:Comments@R2511EA.com), or electronically via the project website at <https://www.R2511EA.com>.

All comments submitted during the 15-day public comment period will become part of the public record and will be considered in the Final Environmental Assessment (Final EA). All comments must be postmarked or received online by July 2, 2021, for consideration in the Final EA. Federal, state, and local agencies (including their respective officials) and other interested organizations and individuals are encouraged to provide substantive comments on the Draft EA during the 15-day public comment period.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Contact: Lonnie D. Covalt, 206-231-3998, [Lonnie.d.covalt@faa.gov](mailto:Lonnie.d.covalt@faa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The DON action proponent is NAWCWD, and the FAA is a cooperating agency. Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake (NAWSCL) is located in the western Mojave Desert region of California, approximately 150 miles (241 kilometers) northeast of Los Angeles. NAWCWD is host to NAWCWD and other Department of Defense activities. NAWCWD is the primary tenant command supported at NAWCWD. The Department of the Navy Center of Excellence for Weapons and Armaments has responsibility for RDAT&E for the entire spectrum of naval weapons and armaments (*i.e.*, air, surface, and subsurface).

NAWSCL is separated into two range areas: The North and South ranges,

which are overlain by two RAs. R-2505 overlies the North Range, and R-2524 overlies the South Range. NAWCWD, as the NAWCWD ranges' scheduling organization, is the using agency that manages operations conducted within R-2505 and R-2524. The Joshua Control Facility (Joshua Approach) is the controlling agency for R-2505 and R-2524. Access to the SUA is governed by FAA regulations.

Currently, RDAT&E activities between the North and South ranges can be conducted by activating the TCFA. The TCFA is used for free flight weapon systems transiting from areas within R-2505 to target areas within R-2524 and from launch areas within R-2524 to target areas within R-2505. The TCFA occupies altitudes with a floor of 6,000 feet (ft) (1,830 meters [m]) mean sea level (MSL) and a ceiling up to, but not including, Floor Level 200. Ground elevations under the TCFA range from 1,642 to 3,567 ft MSL (500 to 1,087 m MSL), providing a minimum of 2,433 ft (742 m) between the highest ground level point and the 6,000 ft MSL floor of the TCFA. The proposed R-2511 would have the same dimensions as the TCFA.

The DON distributed the Draft EA to federal agencies with which the DON is consulting and other stakeholders. The DON provided public notice in local newspapers. The R-2511 Draft EA is available for electronic viewing or download at <https://R2511EA.com>. A hard copy or electronic copy (on compact disc) of the Draft EA will be made available upon written request by contacting "R-2511 Establishment EA—Public Comments" at 901 North Heritage Drive, Suite 204, Ridgecrest, California 93555, [Comments@R2511EA.com](mailto:Comments@R2511EA.com), or the project website at <https://www.R2511EA.com>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

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#### **Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; Wittman Regional Airport**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.