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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

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Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC) and its working groups will meet to discuss various issues relating to the training and fitness of merchant marine personnel. MERPAC advises the Secretary of Transportation on matters relating to the training, qualifications, licensing, certification, and fitness of seamen serving in the U.S. merchant marine. All meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: MERPAC will meet on Wednesday, September 4, 2002, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Thursday, September 5, 2002, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. These meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. Requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before August 21, 2002. Written material and requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee should reach the Coast Guard on or before August 21, 2002.

ADDRESSES: MERPAC will meet on both days at the Coast Guard Club of Cleveland, 1055 East 9th Street, Cleveland, OH. Further directions regarding the location of the Coast Guard Club may be obtained by contacting Mr. Danny Morris at (216) 687-1755. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Commander Brian J. Peter, Commandant (G-MSO-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this notice, contact Commander Brian J. Peter, Executive Director of MERPAC, or Mr. Mark C. Gould, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone 202-267-0229, fax 202-267-4570, or e-mail mgould@comdt.uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Agenda of Meeting on September 4, 2002

The full committee will meet to discuss the objectives for the meeting. The committee will then break up into the following working groups: Task Statement 30, concerning use of military sea service and training for merchant marine licenses; Task Statement 34, concerning the minimum standard of competence in security for a ship's security officer and crew; Task Statement 35, concerning the gap in signaling requirements between STCW and domestic rules; and Task statement 36, concerning the recommendations on a training program for officers in charge of an engineering watch coming up through the hawsepipe. New working groups may be formed to address any new issues or tasks. At the end of the day, the working groups will make a report to the full committee on what has been accomplished in their meetings. No action will be taken on these reports on this date.

Agenda of Meeting on September 5, 2002

The agenda comprises the following:

(1) Introduction.

(2) Working Groups' Reports:

(a) Task Statement 30, concerning use of military sea service and training for merchant marine licenses;

(b) Task Statement 34, concerning the minimum standard of competence in security for a ship's security officer and crew;

(c) Task Statement 35, concerning the gap in signaling requirements between STCW and domestic rules;

(d) Task Statement 36, concerning the recommendations on a training program for officers in charge of an engineering watch coming up through the hawsepipe.

(3) Other items to be discussed:

(a) Standing Committee—Prevention Through People;

(b) Other items brought up for discussion by the committee or the public.

Procedural

Both meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. At the Chair's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. If you would like to make an oral presentation at a meeting, please notify the Executive Director no later than August 21, 2002.

Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than August 21, 2002. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee in advance of the meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than August 21, 2002.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Assistant Executive Director as soon as possible.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Approval of Noise Compatibility Program, Four Corners Regional Airport, Farmington, New Mexico

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its findings on the noise compatibility program submitted by the City of Farmington, New Mexico under the provisions of Title 49, USC, Chapter 475 and CFR part 150. These findings are made in recognition of the description of Federal and nonfederal responsibilities and Senate Report No. 96-52 (1980). On January 9, 2002, the FAA determined that the noise exposure maps submitted by the City of Farmington under Part 150 were in compliance with applicable requirements. On July 8, 2002, the Administrator approved the noise compatibility program. Most of the recommendations of the program were approved.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of the FAA's approval of the City of Farmington Noise Compatibility Program is July 8, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joyce M. Porter, Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas, 76137, (817) 222-5640. Documents reflecting this FAA action may be reviewed at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA has given its overall approval to the noise compatibility program for Four Corners Regional Airport, Farmington, New Mexico, effective July 8, 2002.

Under Title 49 USC, Section 47504 (hereinafter referred to as Title 49"), an airport operator who has previously submitted a noise exposure map may submit to the FAA a noise compatibility program which sets forth the measures taken or proposed by the airport operator for the reduction of existing non-compatible land uses within the area covered by the noise exposure maps. Title 49 requires such programs to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties including local communities, government agencies, airport users, and FAA personnel.

Each airport noise compatibility program developed in accordance with Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 150 is a local program, not a Federal Program. The FAA does not substitute its judgment for that of the airport proprietor with respect to which measures should be recommended for action. The FAA's approval or disapproval of FAR Part 150 program recommendations is measured according to the standards expressed in Part 150 and Title 49 and is limited to the following determinations:

a. The noise compatibility program was developed in accordance with the provisions and procedures of FAR Part 150;

b. Program measures are reasonably consistent with achieving the goals of reducing existing non-compatible land uses around the airport and preventing the introduction of additional non-compatible land uses;

c. Program measures would not create an undue burden on interstate or foreign commerce, unjustly discrimination against types or classes of aeronautical uses, violate the terms of airport grant agreements, or intrude into areas preempted by the Federal Government; and

d. Program measures relating to the use of flight procedures can be implemented within the period covered by the program without derogating safety, adversely affecting the efficient use and management of the navigable airspace and air traffic control systems, or adversely affecting other powers and responsibilities of the Administrator prescribed by law.

Specific limitations with respect to FAA's approval or an airport noise compatibility program are delineated in FAR Part 150, section 150.5. Approval is not a determination concerning the

acceptability of land uses under Federal, state, or local law. Approval does not, by itself, constitute an FAA implementing action. A request for Federal action or approval to implement specific noise compatibility measures may be required, and an FAA decision on the request may require an environmental assessment of the proposed action. Approval does not constitute a commitment by the FAA to financially assist in the implementation of the program nor a determination that all measures covered by the program are eligible for grant-in-aid funding from the FAA. Where Federal funding is sought, requests for project grants must be submitted to the FAA Airports Division Office in Fort Worth, Texas.

The City of Farmington, New Mexico submitted to the FAA on December 26, 2001, the noise exposure maps, descriptions, and other documentation produced during the noise compatibility planning study conducted from August 10, 1999 through March 28 2002. The City of Farmington noise exposure maps were determined by FAA to be in compliance with applicable requirements on January 9, 2002. Notice of this determination was published in the **Federal Register** on March 1, 2002.

The Noise Compatibility Program Study contains a proposed noise compatibility program comprised of actions designed for phased implementation by airport management and adjacent jurisdictions from the date of study completion to the year 2007. It was requested that the FAA evaluate and approve this material as a noise compatibility program as described in Title 49. The FAA began its review of the program on April 12, 2002 and was required by provision of the Act to approve or disapprove the program within 180 days (other than the use of new flight procedures for noise control). Failure to approve or disapprove such program within the 180-day period shall be deemed to be an approval of such program.

The submitted program contained six proposed actions for noise mitigation (on and/or off) the airport. The FAA completed its review and determined that the procedural and substantive requirements of Title 49 and FAR Part 150 have been satisfied. The overall program, therefore, was approved by the Administrator or effective July 8, 2002.

Outright approval was granted for five of the six specific program elements. Elements #1 and #3 involved changes in utilization and improvements to engine run-up areas; Element #4 addressed use of general aviation noise abatement procedures; Element #5 involved land acquisition, avigation easements, and

insulation options; and Element #6 addressed extension of noise contour zone 2. Element #2 was disapproved pending submission of additional information addressing utilization of other airports in the area.

These determination are set forth in detail in a Record of Approval endorsed by the Administrator on July 8, 2002. The Record of Approval, as well as other evaluation materials and the documents comprising the submittal, are available at the FAA office listed above and at the administrative offices of the City of Farmington, New Mexico.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, July 25, 2002.

Naomi L. Saunders,

Manager, Airports Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Noise Exposure Map Notice; Port Columbus International Airport Columbus, Ohio

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its determination that the noise exposure maps submitted by the Columbus Municipal Airport Authority for Port Columbus International Airport under the provisions of Title I of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (Public Law 96-193) and 14 CFR part 150 are in compliance with applicable requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The effective date of the FAA's determination on the noise exposure maps is July 8, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Jagiello, Federal Aviation Administration, Great Lakes Region, Detroit Airports District Office, DET ADO-AGL 670.1, Willow Run Airport, East, 8820 Beck Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111, (734) 487-7296.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA finds that the noise exposure maps submitted for Port Columbus International Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements of Part 150, effective July 8, 2002.

Under section 103 of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), an airport operator may submit to the FAA noise exposure maps which meet applicable regulations and which depict