

property at the Ankeny Regional Airport under the provisions of AIR 21.

On February 6, 2003, the FAA determined that the request to release property at the Ankeny Regional Airport submitted by the Polk County Aviation Authority, met the procedural requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration. The FAA will approve or disapprove the request, in whole or in part, no later than May 30, 2003.

The following is a brief overview of the request.

The Polk County Airport Authority requests the release of approximately 4.91 acres of airport property. The purpose of this release is to transfer ownership to the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) for an interchange project located south of the airport property. The land is currently not being used for aeronautical purposes. Any person may inspect the request in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the request in person at the Polk County Airport Authority, Des Moines, Iowa.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on February 6, 2003.

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Manager, Airports Division, Central Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Conduct Scoping for Air Traffic Procedural Changes Associated With the Northern Utah Airspace Initiative

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement and conduct scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Northwest Mountain Region, is issuing this notice to advise the public, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, (NEPA) 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C) that the FAA intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Northern Utah Airspace Initiative. This Notice of Intent is published as required by the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations implementing the

provisions of NEPA, 40 CFR parts 1500-1508. This EIS will assess the potential environmental impacts resulting from proposed modifications to air traffic routings in the metropolitan Salt Lake City and surrounding areas. Airports in this area include Salt Lake City International Airport, Ogden-Hinckley Airport, Hill Air Force Base, and the Provo Airport, as well as other smaller general aviation use airports. All reasonable alternatives will be considered including a no-change alternative/option. In order to ensure that all significant issues pertaining to the proposed action are identified, public participation, through public scoping meetings, will be held.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Clark Desing, (801) 325-9626, PO Box 22867, AMF, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84122 or see the following Web site: http://www2.faa.gov/ats/nar/nw_mt/nw_mt_salt.htm.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Northern Utah Airspace Initiative will examine the airspace surrounding the Salt Lake City International Airport, up to the en route structure. The airports in the study area are: Salt Lake City International Airport, Ogden-Hinckley Airport, Hill Air Force Base, and the Provo Airport, as well as other smaller general aviation use airports.

In response to existing and forecast aviation demand generating a significant flow of air traffic in the study area, the FAA is examining alternative ways to modify air traffic routes and procedures to avoid degradation of safety, improve efficiency, and meet future traffic demands. The airspace redesign team is using sophisticated modeling tools to develop viable air traffic control (ATC) alternatives to current operations. The FAA will examine methods that will take advantage of new and emerging ATC technologies, improved performance characteristics of modern aircraft, as well as improvements in navigation capabilities. The proposal will address the merits of a 4-corner post concept with consideration of an additional downwind. The project is not associated with any airport development projects or construction of any physical facilities.

As part of the airspace redesign effort, the FAA will provide detailed analyses that will be used to evaluate the potential environmental impacts in the study area. During scoping, and upon publication of a draft EIS and a final EIS, the FAA will be contacting and coordinating with federal, state, and local agencies, as well as the public, to obtain comments and suggestions regarding the EIS for the proposed

project. The EIS will assess impacts and reasonable alternatives including a "no change" alternative, pursuant to NEPA; FAA Order 1050.1, Policies and Procedures for Assessing Environmental Impacts; DOT Order 5610.1, Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts; and the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations implementing the provisions of NEPA, 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508, and other appropriate Agency guidance.

Public Scoping Process: The FAA will use the scoping process as outlined in the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations and guidelines to facilitate public involvement.

Concerned individuals and agencies are invited to express their views either in writing, or by providing oral comments at a scoping meeting. The purpose of a scoping process and scoping meetings are: (1) To provide a description of the proposed action, (2) to provide an early and open process to determine the scope of issues to be addressed and to identify potentially significant issues or impacts related to the proposed action that should be analyzed in the EIS, (3) to identify other coordination and any permit requirements associated with the proposed action, (4) to identify and eliminate from detailed study those issues that are not significant or those that have been adequately addressed during a prior environmental review process.

The FAA has scheduled three public scoping meetings. Each meeting will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at sites listed below. Each of the meetings will begin with an overview of the project (7 p.m.-7:30 p.m.) and will be followed by an informal open house period (7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.) The open house portion of each public scoping meeting will include redesign displays and graphics and will provide an opportunity for one-on-one interaction between the representatives of the FAA and the general public. Comments will be received via court reporter or written comment forms throughout the duration of the meeting. Formal comments for the record will not be accepted via E-mail. Meeting dates and locations are:

- March 18, 2003—Marriott City Center, Salt Lake City, UT.
- March 19, 2003—Marriott Hotel, Provo, UT.
- March 20, 2003—Marriott Hotel, Ogden, UT.

In accordance with NEPA coordination requirements, the FAA has scheduled one meeting that will be dedicated primarily to federal, state and local agency staff, and Native American

governments. This meeting is scheduled on March 18, 2003, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Marriott City Center, Salt Lake City. Although this meeting will be held primarily for the benefit of federal, tribal, state and local agency staff, it will also be open to the public.

The scoping period begins with this announcement. To ensure that all issues are identified, the FAA is requesting comments and suggestions on the project scope from all interested federal, state and local agencies and other interested parties. In furtherance of this effort, the FAA has established an Internet Website that can be accessed at: http://www2.faa.gov/ats/nar/nw_mt/nw_mt_salt.htm. Additional information about the Northern Utah Airspace Initiative, including the scoping meeting schedule and meeting locations can be found at this Internet site. Additionally, the FAA will be maintaining the following telephone number for general information: (801) 325-9626.

DATES: The FAA will accept written scoping comments through May 16, 2003. Such comments should be directed to the following address: Northern Utah Airspace Initiative, PO Box 22867, AMF, Salt Lake City, UT 84122.

Issued in Renton, Washington on February 11, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2003-06]

Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petition for exemption received.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption, part 11 of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR), this notice contains a summary of a certain petition seeking relief from specified requirements of 14 CFR. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the

legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before March 11, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the petition to the Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington DC 20590-0001. You must identify the docket number FAA-2003-14299 at the beginning of your comments. If you wish to receive confirmation that the FAA received your comments, include a self-addressed, stamped postcard.

You may also submit comments through the Internet to <http://dms.dot.gov>. You may review the public docket containing the petition, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Dockets Office (telephone 1-800-647-5527) is on the plaza level of the NASSIF Building at the Department of Transportation at the above address. Also, you may review public dockets on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Madeleine Kolb ((425) 227-1134), Transport Airplane Directorate (ANM-113), Federal Aviation Administration, 1601 Lind Ave. SW., Renton, WA 98055-4056; or Vanessa Wilkins (202-267-8029), Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

This notice is published pursuant to 14 CFR 11.85 and 11.91.

Issued in Washington, DC on February 13, 2003.

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Petition for Exemption

Docket No.: FAA-2003-14299.

Petitioner: Structural Integrity Engineering.

Sections of 14 CFR Affected: 25.783(h); 25.807(g)(1) and (i)(1); 25.810(a)(1); 25.812(b)(2), (e), and (h); 25.813(b); 25.857(e); 25.1445(a)(2); and 25.1447(c)(1).

Description of Relief Sought: To permit Structural Integrity Engineering exemption from the above-referenced regulations to allow carriage of up to four persons in addition to two crewmembers in the flight compartment

of Boeing 757-200 converted special freighter airplanes.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Special Committee 195: Flight Information Services Communications (FISC)

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Special Committee 195 meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 195: Flight Information Services Communications (FISC).

DATES: The meeting will be held March 5-6, 2003, starting at 8:30 am.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1828 L Street, NW, Suite 805, Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20036; telephone (202) 833-9339; fax (202) 833-9434; Web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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 a Special Committee 195 meeting. The agenda will include:

- March 5:
- Opening Plenary Session (Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes, Review of Action Items).
- Report from Working Group 1.
- Review of Product Registry Document.
- Review of DO-267 Change 1 Draft.
- March 6:
- Review and Progress DO-267 Change 1 Draft.
- Closing Plenary Session (Review Action Items, Discussion of Future Workplan, Other Business, Date and Place of Next Meeting, Adjourn).

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.