

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 172: Future Air-Ground Communications in the VHF Aeronautical Data Band (118–137 MHz).

DATES: The meeting will be held January 20–22, 2004 for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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, SW., 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 172 meeting. The agenda will include:

- January 20:
 - Opening Plenary Session (Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Review of Agenda, Review Summary of Previous Meeting).
 - Convene Working Group-3 (WG–3).
 - Report on PMC Action approving VHF Digital Link, Mode 3 MOPS, DO–271B.
 - On channel RF Susceptibility.
 - Review data from manufacturers.
 - Review “3T” SARPS–Compatibility Issues.
 - Discuss MOPS Requirements and Work program.
- January 21–22:
 - Reconvene WG–3 as necessary to continue with the resolution of FRAC comments to draft Change 1 to DO–271A VDL Mode 3 MOPS.
 - Convene WG–2, time permitting, to entertain white papers and actions regarding the development of Version B of the DO–224A, Signal-in-Space Minimum Aviation Communications Including Compatibility with Digital Voice.
 - Reconvene Plenary.
 - Review relevant activities.
 - International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Aeronautical Mobile Communications Panel work.
 - NEXCOM activities.
 - EUROCAE WG–47 status and issues.
 - Others as appropriate.
 - Closing Plenary Session (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.

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Robert Zoldos,

FAA System Engineer, RTCA Advisory Committee.

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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 Communication (FISC).

DATES: The meeting will be held January 13–15, 2004, starting at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Airlines Pilot Association (ALPA) Office on 1625 Massachusetts Ave., 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:

- January 13:
 - Opening Plenary Session (Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes, Review of Action Items).
 - Review of ATA final review and comment (FRAC) comments on draft DO–267A.
 - Review Responses to Avionics Harmonization Working Group (AVHWG) Member Comments on draft DO–267A.
 - AVHWG Coordination.
- January 14:
 - Approval of Flight Information Services (FIS) Product Registry.
 - Guidance for Type Design Approval of Future FIS Products.

- Consideration of the Requirement Level for Color in DO–267A.
- Approve Final Draft DO–267A.
- January 15:
 - 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.

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Robert Zoldos,

FAA System Engineer, RTCA Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Special Committee 159: Global Positioning System (GPS)

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Special Committee 159 meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 159: Global Positioning System.

DATES: The meeting will be held January 12–16 2004, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (unless stated otherwise).

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., Suite 805, 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 159 meeting. *Note: Specific working group sessions will be held January 12–15.* The plenary agenda will include:

- January 16:
 - Opening Plenary Session (Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting).
 - Review Working Group Progress

- and Identify Issues for Resolution.
- Global Positioning System (GPS)/3rd Civil Frequency (WG-1).
- GPS/Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) (WG-2).
- GPS/GLONASS (WG-2A).
- GPS/Inertial (WG-2C).
- GPS/Precision Landing Guidance (WG-4).
- GPS/Airport Surface Surveillance (WG-5).
- Review of EUROCAE activities.
- Closing Plenary Session (Assignment/Review of Future Work, Other Business, Date and Place of Next Meeting).

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.

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Robert Zoldos,

FAA System Engineer, RTCA Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: San Diego County, CA

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project in San Diego County, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cesar Perez, South Region Team Leader, Federal Highway Administration, 650 Capitol Mall Suite 4-100, Sacramento, California 95814, Telephone: (916) 498-5065.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to improve Interstate 5 (I-5) in San Diego County, California. The proposed improvement would involve the addition of high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes/Managed Lanes and

general purpose lanes to existing I-5 from the City of San Diego to the City of Oceanside for a distance of approximately 28 miles.

Improvements to the corridor are considered necessary to provide for the existing and projected traffic demand. Also, included in this proposal are the addition of auxiliary lanes, direct access ramps (DARs), and interchange improvements where needed. Alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action; (2) adding two HOV lanes in each direction plus one general purpose lane in each direction. Incorporated into and studied with the build alternative will be design variations at the six lagoons along the corridor. Alternatives associated with those areas will include (1) retaining walls within existing fill slopes; (2) widening on existing fill slopes; (3) removing existing fill in lagoons and bridging the lagoons; (4) elevated HOV lanes on an independent structure.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. A series of public scoping meetings will be held in each city along the north coast I-5 corridor between January and February 2003. Public notice will be provided indicating the time and place of the scoping meetings.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments, and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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Cesar E. Perez,

South Region Team Leader.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA 2000-7744, Notice 4]

General Motors Corporation; Denial of Appeal of Decision on Inconsequential Noncompliance

General Motors Corporation (GM), of Warren, Michigan, has appealed a decision by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) that denied its application for a determination that the noncompliance of certain GM vehicles with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment," be deemed inconsequential to motor vehicle safety. GM had applied to be exempted from the notification and remedy requirements of 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301—"Motor Vehicle Safety." Notice of receipt of the original petition was published in the **Federal Register** on August 14, 2000, (65 FR 49632). On July 23, 2001, NHTSA published a notice in the **Federal Register** denying GM's petition (66 FR 38340), stating that the petitioner had not met its burden of persuasion that the noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety.

GM appealed, and notice of the appeal was published in the **Federal Register** on April 2, 2002 (67 FR 15669). Opportunity was afforded for public comment until May 2, 2002. The only comment received was from Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety (Advocates). Advocates restated its previous position recommending that the agency deny the application.

GM manufactured 201,472 Buick Century and Buick Regal models between October 1998 and June 1999; some of whose headlamps did not meet the minimum photometric requirements for test points above the horizontal (intended for overhead sign illumination). GM tested ten pairs of headlamps and submitted photometric data with its original petition. The agency has reviewed this data from 2000 again and notes substantial evidence of noncompliance in this data. For the right side lamps, there was a total of 6 noncompliant test points (all upward). For the left side lamps, there was a total of 28 noncompliant test points (25 upward test points and 3 downward test points). While Standard 108 allows 1/4 degree of re-aim for each test point to account for equipment variation, the data show that the left side lamps originally failed an additional 21 test points (12 upward and 9 downward) before passing through the use of re-aim.