

- Has the submission presented a clear understanding of the associated problems?

- Has the submission developed a logical and workable solution and approach to solving the problem/s?

- What are the most significant aspects of this concept?

- Has the submission clearly demonstrated the breadth of impact of the innovation?

All factors are important and will be given consideration, but the advisory panels will give the “technical merit” factor the most weight in the screening process. The Secretary of Transportation retains sole discretion to select the winning entrant.

Additional Information:

Federal grantees may not use Federal funds to develop COMPETES Act challenge applications unless such use is consistent with the purpose of their grant award.

Federal contractors may not use Federal funds from a contract to develop COMPETES Act challenge applications or to fund efforts in support of a COMPETES Act challenge submission.

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Susan L. Kurland,

Assistant Secretary of Aviation and International Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Air Traffic Procedures Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public that a meeting of the Federal Aviation Administration Air Traffic Procedures Advisory Committee (ATPAC) will be held to review present air traffic control procedures and practices for standardization, revision, clarification, and upgrading of terminology and procedures. Class B airspace will be a major topic of discussion on the ATPAC Agenda.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, June 5, Wednesday, June 6, and Thursday, June 7, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 801355 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gary Norek, ATPAC Executive Director, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463; 5 U.S.C. App.2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the ATPAC to be held Tuesday, June 5, Wednesday, June 6, and Thursday, June 7, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The agenda for this meeting will cover a continuation of the ATPAC’s review of present air traffic control procedures and practices for standardization, revision, clarification, and upgrading of terminology and procedures. It will also include:

1. Approval of Minutes;
2. Submission and Discussion of Areas of Concern;
3. Discussion of Potential Safety Items;
4. Report from Executive Director;
5. Class B Airspace;
6. Items of Interest; and
7. Discussion and agreement of location and dates for subsequent meetings.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space available. With the approval of the Chairperson, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons desiring to attend and persons desiring to present oral statement should notify Mr. Richard Jehlen no later than May 23, 2012. Any member of the public may present a written statement to the ATPAC at any time at the address given above.

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Ellen Crum,

Acting Executive Director, Air Traffic Procedures Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Membership Availability in the National Parks Overflights Advisory Group Aviation Rulemaking Committee

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), as required by the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000, established the National Parks Overflights Advisory Group (NPOAG) in March 2001. The NPOAG was formed to provide continuing advice and counsel with respect to commercial air tour operations over and near national parks. This notice informs the public of six vacancies (due to completion of

membership on October 9, 2012) on the NPOAG [now the NPOAG Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC)] for members representing general aviation (one vacancy), commercial air tour operators (two vacancies), environmental concerns (two vacancies), and Native American tribal concerns (one vacancy) and invites interested persons to apply to fill the vacancies.

DATES: Persons interested in serving on the NPOAG ARC should contact Mr. Barry Brayer in writing and postmarked or emailed on or before June 8, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barry Brayer, AWP–1SP, Special Programs Staff, Federal Aviation Administration, Western-Pacific Region Headquarters, P.O. Box 92007, Los Angeles, CA 90009–2007, telephone: (310) 725–3800, email: Barry.Brayer@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000 (the Act) was enacted on April 5, 2000, as Public Law 106–181. The Act required the establishment of the advisory group within 1 year after its enactment. The advisory group was established in March 2001, and is comprised of a balanced group of representatives of general aviation, commercial air tour operations, environmental concerns, and Native American tribes. The Administrator of the FAA and the Director of NPS (or their designees) serve as ex officio members of the group. Representatives of the Administrator and Director serve alternating 1-year terms as chairman of the advisory group.

The advisory group provides “advice, information, and recommendations to the Administrator and the Director—

(1) On the implementation of this title [the Act] and the amendments made by this title;

(2) On commonly accepted quiet aircraft technology for use in commercial air tour operations over a national park or tribal lands, which will receive preferential treatment in a given air tour management plan;

(3) On other measures that might be taken to accommodate the interests of visitors to national parks; and

(4) At the request of the Administrator and the Director, safety, environmental, and other issues related to commercial air tour operations over a national park or tribal lands.”

Members of the advisory group may be allowed certain travel expenses as authorized by section 5703 of Title 5,

United States Code, for intermittent Government service.

By FAA Order No. 1110–138, signed by the FAA Administrator on October 10, 2003, the NPOAG became an Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC). FAA Order No. 1110–138, was amended and became effective as FAA Order No. 1110–138A, on January 20, 2006.

The current NPOAG ARC is made up of one member representing general aviation, three members representing the commercial air tour industry, four members representing environmental concerns, and two members representing Native American tribal concerns. Current members of the NPOAG ARC are: Heidi Williams representing general aviation; Alan Stephen, Elling Halvorson, and Matthew Zuccaro representing commercial air tour concerns; Chip Dennerlein, Gregory Miller, Bryan Faehner, and Dick Hingson representing environmental interests; Rory Majent and Ray Russell, representing Native American tribes.

In order to retain balance within the NPOAG ARC, the FAA and NPS invite persons interested in serving on the ARC to represent general aviation, commercial air tour operators, environmental concerns, or Native American tribal concerns, to contact Mr. Barry Brayer (contact information is written above in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Requests to serve on the ARC must be made to Mr. Brayer in writing and postmarked or emailed on or before June 8, 2012. The request should indicate whether or not you are a member of an association or group representing general aviation, commercial air tours, environmental concerns, or Native American tribal concerns or have another affiliation with issues relating to aircraft flights over national parks. The request should also state what expertise you would bring to the NPOAG ARC as related to the vacancy you are seeking to fill (e.g., general aviation). The term of service for NPOAG ARC members is 3 years.

Issued in Hawthorne, CA, on April 30, 2012.

Barry Brayer,

NPOAG Chairman, Manager, Special Programs Staff, Western-Pacific Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2012–0118]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Extension of a Currently-Approved Information Collection Request: Motor Carrier Identification Report

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FMCSA announces its plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its review and approval. The FMCSA requests approval to extend an ICR entitled, “Motor Carrier Identification Report,” which is used to identify FMCSA regulated entities, prioritize the agency’s activities, aid in assessing the safety outcomes of those activities, and for statistical purposes.

On February 6, 2012, FMCSA published a **Federal Register** notice allowing for a 60-day comment period on the ICR. No comments were received.

DATES: Please send your comments by June 11, 2012. OMB must receive your comments by this date in order to act quickly on the ICR.

ADDRESSES: All comments should reference Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket Number FMCSA–2012–0118. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the attention of the Desk Officer, Department of Transportation/Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and sent via electronic mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov, or faxed to (202) 395–6974, or mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. Vivian Oliver, Transportation Specialist, Office of Information Technology, Operations Division, Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, West Building 6th Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC

20590. Telephone: 202–366–2974; email Address: vivian.oliver@dot.gov. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Motor Carrier Identification Report.

OMB Control Number: 2126–0013.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently-approved information collection.

Respondents: Motor carriers, commercial motor vehicle drivers, and intermodal equipment providers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 447,109.

Estimated Time per Response: To complete Form MCS–150, motor carriers will need 20 minutes the first time they file this report and 7.5 minutes for the biennial update. To complete Form MCS–150B (HM Safety Permit Application), interstate HM carriers that have already completed the Form MCS–150 will need 6 minutes to complete this report and intrastate HM carriers that have never completed a Form MCS–150 will need about 16 minutes to complete it and 5 minutes for the biennial update. Form MCS–150C—Intermodal Equipment Providers will need 20 minutes the first time they file this report and 7.5 minutes for the biennial update.

Expiration Date: July 31, 2012.

Frequency of Response: Biennially.

Estimated Total Annual Burden:

93,792 hours [93,534 hours for Form MCS–150 + 249 hours for Form MCS–150B + 9 hours for Form MCS–150C = 93,792 hours].

Background: Title 49, United States Code Section 504(b)(2) provides the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) with authority to require carriers, lessors, associations, or classes of these entities to file annual, periodic, and special reports containing answers to questions asked by the Secretary. The Secretary may also prescribe the form of records required to be prepared or compiled and the time period during which records must be preserved (See § 504(b)(1) and (d)). The FMCSA will use this data to administer its safety programs by establishing a database of entities that are subject to its regulations. This database necessitates that these entities notify the FMCSA of their existence. For example, under 49 CFR 390.19(a), FMCSA requires all motor carriers beginning operations to file a Form MCS–150 entitled, “Motor Carrier Identification Report.” This report is filed by all motor carriers conducting operations in interstate or international commerce before beginning operations. It asks the