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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 91

[Docket No. FAA-2007-29305; Notice No. 08-11]

RIN 2120-AI92

#### Automatic Dependent Surveillance—Broadcast (ADS-B) Out Performance Requirements To Support Air Traffic Control (ATC) Service; Reopening of Comment Period

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM); reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On October 5, 2007, the FAA published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that proposed performance requirements for certain avionics equipment on aircraft operating in specified classes of airspace within the United States National Airspace System. The comment period closed on March 3, 2008. The FAA is reopening the comment period for an additional 30 days to give the public an opportunity to comment on recommendations received from an Aviation Rulemaking Committee established by the Administrator on July 15, 2007.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before November 3, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments identified by Docket Number FAA-2007-29305 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M-30, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.

- *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Operations at (202) 493-2251.

- *Hand Delivery:* Bring comments to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

For more information on the rulemaking process, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

*Privacy:* We will post all comments we receive, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information you provide. Using the search function of our docket Web site, anyone can find and read the comments received into any of our dockets, including the name of the individual sending the comment (or signing the comment for an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78) or you may visit <http://DocketsInfo.dot.gov>.

*Docket:* To read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cindy Nordlie, ARM-108, Office of Rulemaking, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-7627.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments Invited

The FAA invites interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written comments, data, or views on the ARC's recommendations. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the recommendation and include supporting data. To ensure the docket does not contain duplicate comments, please send only one copy of written comments, or if you are filing comments electronically, please submit your comments only one time.

We will file in the docket all comments we receive, as well as a report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerning this proposed rulemaking. We will consider all comments we

receive on or before the closing date for comments. We will consider comments filed after the comment period has closed if it is possible to do so without incurring expense or delay.

#### Availability of Rulemaking Documents

You can get an electronic copy using the Internet by:

- (1) Searching the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>;

- (2) Visiting the Office of Rulemaking's Web page at <http://www.faa.gov/avr/arm/index.cfm>; or

- (3) Accessing the Government Printing Office's Web page at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>.

You can also get a copy by sending a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Rulemaking, ARM-1, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, or by calling (202) 267-9680. Make sure to identify the docket number, notice number, or amendment number of this rulemaking.

#### Background

On October 5, 2007, the FAA published Notice No. 07-15, Automatic Dependent Surveillance—Broadcast (ADS-B) Out performance requirements to support Air Traffic Control (ATC) service (72 FR 56947; Oct. 5, 2007). Comments to that document were to be received on or before January 3, 2008. On November 19, 2007, the FAA extended the comment period until March 3, 2008 (72 FR 64966).

On July 15, 2007, the Administrator established the ADS-B Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC). The ADS-B ARC provides a forum for the U.S. aviation community to discuss and review the ADS-B NPRM, formulate recommendations on presenting and structuring an ADS-B mandate, and consider additional actions that may be necessary to implement those recommendations. On September 26, 2008, pursuant to its responsibilities under the charter, the ADS-B ARC submitted to the FAA specific recommendations addressing the NPRM. These ARC recommendations have been placed in the docket.

To give the public an opportunity to comment on the recommendations received from the ARC, the FAA is reopening the comment period for an additional 30 days. The purpose of the comment period is to receive public

comments on the ARC recommendations; the FAA is not reopening the comment period on the NPRM.

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**Pamela Hamilton-Powell,**

*Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

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## SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

### 18 CFR Part 806

#### Review and Approval of Projects

**AGENCY:** Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking and public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** This document contains proposed rules that would amend the project review regulations of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (Commission) by requiring review and approval of any natural gas well development project targeting the Marcellus, Utica or other shale formations and involving the withdrawal or consumptive use of waters of the Susquehanna River Basin, adding a provision providing for a specific approval by rule process for consumptive water use associated with such projects and modifying the definition of project. In addition, two editorial changes are made to the existing approval by rule provision related to the consumptive use of water withdrawn from public water supply systems to make that provision consistent with the new approval by rule provision for natural gas well development projects.

**DATES:** Public hearings will be held on October 21 and October 22, 2008, beginning at 7 p.m. regarding this proposed rulemaking action. The locations of the hearings are listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. The deadline for submission of written comments on the proposed rulemaking is October 31, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** The October 21 2008, public hearing will be held at Lycoming College, Academic Center, Lecture Hall Room D001, Mulberry Street, Williamsport, PA 17701; the October 22, 2008, public hearing will be held at Binghamton University, State University of New York, Lecture Hall Complex, Lecture Hall 1, Route 434 (Vestal Parkway East), Binghamton, NY 13903. Written comments may be submitted by

mail to Mr. Richard A. Cairo, Susquehanna River Basin Commission, 1721 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102-2391 or by e-mail to [rcairo@srbc.net](mailto:rcairo@srbc.net).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard A. Cairo, General Counsel, 717-238-0423; Fax: 717-238-2436; e-mail: [rcairo@srbc.net](mailto:rcairo@srbc.net). Also, for further information on the proposed rulemaking, visit the Commission's Web site at [www.srbc.net](http://www.srbc.net).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background and Purpose of Amendments

As a result of advances in hydraulic fracturing, and higher natural gas prices, natural gas well development activity in the Susquehanna River Basin has increased dramatically in the past year, resulting in a large number of project applications being filed with the Commission seeking approval for the withdrawal and consumptive use of water for that activity. The Commission is hereby proposing a rulemaking action to handle the large and immediate influx of project applications, and to avoid adverse, cumulative adverse or interstate effects to the water resources of the basin.

The proposed rule modifies the definition of "project" for purposes of natural gas well development, requires review and approval of any natural gas well development project involving the withdrawal or consumptive use of water, and adds a specific approval by rule process associated with the consumptive use of water by such projects. The Commission's current approval by rule process is available for use only if the sole source of water is a public water supply system. Under the contemplated rule change, the approval by rule process would allow for the consumptive use of wastewater, acid mine water and other sources of water for natural gas well development projects. The proposal would not change the current process used to review groundwater or surface water withdrawals.

In addition, two editorial changes are made to the existing approval by rule provision relating to the consumptive use of water withdrawn from public water supply systems to make that provision consistent with the new approval by rule provision for natural gas well development projects.

#### List of Subjects in 18 CFR Part 806

Administrative practice and procedure, Water resources.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Susquehanna River Basin

Commission proposes to amend 18 CFR part 806 as follows:

## PART 806—REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PROJECTS

### Subpart A—General Provisions

1. The authority citation for part 806 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** Secs. 3.4, 3.5(5), 3.8, 3.10 and 15.2, Pub. L. 91-575, 84 Stat. 1509 *et seq.*

2. In § 806.3, revise the definition of "project" to read as follows:

#### § 806.3 Definitions.

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*Project.* Any work, service, activity, or facility undertaken, which is separately planned, financed or identified by the Commission, or any separate facility undertaken or to be undertaken by the Commission or otherwise within a specified area, for the conservation, utilization, control, development, or management of water resources, which can be established and utilized independently, or as an addition to an existing facility, and can be considered as a separate entity for purposes of evaluation. For purposes of natural gas well development activity, the project shall be considered to be the drilling pad upon which one or more exploratory or production wells are undertaken, and all water-related appurtenant facilities and activities related thereto.

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3. In § 806.4, amend paragraph (a) by adding paragraph (a)(8) to read as follows:

#### § 806.4 Projects requiring review and approval.

(a) \* \* \*

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(8) Any natural gas well development project in the basin targeting the Marcellus, Utica or other shale formations for exploration or production of natural gas involving a withdrawal or consumptive use of waters of the basin, regardless of the quantity of such withdrawal or consumptive use. The project sponsor shall submit the appropriate application(s) in accordance with subpart B of this part and the project shall be subject to the applicable standards set forth in subpart C of this part.

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4. In § 806.22, revise paragraph (e)(1) introductory text, (e)(1)(ii), and add a new paragraph (f) to read as follows:

#### § 806.22 Standards for consumptive uses of water.

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