

Office of the Secretary of Transportation

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(1) Compliance with that requirement would interfere with the proper functioning of the committee or would be impracticable;

(2) Adequate provisions are made to assure otherwise that the operation of the committee is subject to Government control and purpose; and

(3) The waiver is in the public interest.

§ 95.11 Meetings; industry advisory committees.

(a) Meetings of an industry advisory committee may be held only at the call of a full-time, salaried officer or employee of the Department, with an agenda formulated by that officer or employee.

(b) Each meeting shall be chaired by a full-time, salaried officer or employee of the Government who is required to adjourn the meeting whenever he considers it to be in the public interest. The Secretary or his designee may waive the requirements of this paragraph in any case in which he determines that:

(1) Compliance with that requirement would interfere with the proper functioning of the committee or would be impracticable;

(2) Adequate provisions are made to assure otherwise that the operation of the committee is subject to Government control and purpose;

(3) The waiver is in the public interest; and

(4) The meeting will be conducted in the presence of a full-time, salaried officer or employee of the Government who is required to adjourn the meeting whenever he considers it to be in the public interest.

(c) A verbatim transcript shall be kept of the proceedings at each meeting, including the name of each person present, his affiliation, and the capacity in which he attended, except in any case in which the Secretary or his designee determines that a verbatim transcript would interfere with the proper functioning of the committee or would be impracticable and therefore waives the requirement as being in the public interest. In such a case the procedure prescribed in § 95.9(c) applies.

(d) No industry advisory committee may receive, compile, or discuss data

or reports showing the current or projected commercial operations of any identified business enterprise.

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§ 95.13 Antitrust laws.

The activities of advisory committees are subject to the antitrust laws and committee members are not immune from prosecution under those laws. The Department of Justice takes the position that it retains complete freedom to institute proceedings, either civil or criminal, or both, in the event that any particular plan or course of action is used to accomplish unlawful private ends, and to institute civil actions to enjoin continuance of any act or practices found not to be in the public interest and persisted in after notice to desist. This part is intended to minimize the possibility of violating the antitrust laws. Industry representatives and Government personnel officially connected with advisory committees should be advised of the antitrust aspects of the committee activity.

§ 95.15 Conflicts of interest statutes, orders, and regulations.

There is a body of statutes, orders, and regulations prescribed by the President, the Secretary, and other authorities, dealing with conflicts of interest and designed to prevent any conflict between the official duties and status of Government officers and employees and their private interest. Government officers and employees are required to comply with all applicable laws, orders, and regulations. Part 99 of this chapter sets forth a comprehensive list of the conflicts of interest statutes and guidelines for the employees of the Department to follow in the application of these statutes to part-time advisers and consultants to the Government. Any officer or employee appointed to serve on an advisory committee who has any doubt or question respecting a possible conflict of interest shall seek specific legal advice on his individual situation.

PART 98—ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS ON POST-EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES

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Subpart A—Administration of Enforcement Proceedings

§ 98.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to set forth the administrative enforcement procedures that the Department of Transportation will follow when there is an allegation that a former employee of the Department has violated 18 U.S.C. 207.

§ 98.2 Definitions.

For the purposes of this part, the following definitions apply:

(a) *Administration* means each of the following:

- (1) The United States Coast Guard.
- (2) The Federal Aviation Administration.
- (3) The Federal Highway Administration.
- (4) The Federal Railroad Administration.
- (5) The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
- (6) The Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

(7) The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

(8) The Research and Special Programs Administration.

(9) The Maritime Administration.

(b) *Department* means the Department of Transportation.

(c) *18 U.S.C. 207* means 18 U.S.C. 207 (a), (b), or (c) or any regulations issued under 18 U.S.C. 207.

(d) *Secretary* means the Secretary of Transportation.

§ 98.3 Reports of apparent violations.

Any person may report, to the Assistant General Counsel for Environmental, Civil Rights and General Law, an apparent violation by a former employee of the Department of 18 U.S.C. 207.

§ 98.4 Initiation of administrative disciplinary proceeding.

(a) Whenever the Assistant General Counsel for Environmental, Civil Rights and General Law has determined that there is reasonable cause to believe that a former Departmental employee has violated 18 U.S.C. 207, the Assistant General Counsel for Environmental, Civil Rights, and General Law:

(1) Shall expeditiously provide that information to the Director, Office of Government Ethics, and to the Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and

(2) After coordinating any proceeding with the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, to avoid prejudicing criminal proceedings, may institute an administrative disciplinary proceeding in accordance with this part.

(b) The person who shall provide for the prosecution of the alleged violation in an administrative disciplinary proceeding under this part (hereinafter referred to as the “Departmental counsel”) is:

(1) In a case where the last Departmental employer of the alleged violator is the Office of the Secretary, the Assistant General Counsel for Environmental, Civil Rights and General Law, or his or her designee; or

(2) In a case where the last Departmental employer of the alleged violator is an administration, the Chief Counsel, or his or her designee, for that administration.