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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

10 CFR Part 1021

National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of reopening comment period and notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) reopens the comment period and schedules a public hearing on its notice of proposed rulemaking to amend its implementing procedures under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

DATES: The public hearing will take place on May 6, 1996, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The comment period is being reopened until May 10, 1996, and comments must be received by that date to ensure consideration. Late comments will be considered to the extent practicable. Persons interested in participating in the hearing by telephone conference must make advance arrangements by contacting the person in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice by April 29, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the proposed rule should be addressed to Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-0119. Comments may be hand-delivered to room 3E-080 at the Forrestal Building on workdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Comments may also be sent by facsimile to (202) 586-7031 or by electronic mail to the following internet address: neparule@spok.eh.doe.gov. The public hearing will take place in Washington, D.C. For information on obtaining a transcript of the hearing, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Pulliam, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, at the above address, or

telephone (202) 586-4600 or leave a message at (800) 472-2756. Persons interested in participating in the hearing by telephone conference must make advance arrangements by calling one of the above numbers for instructions.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of proposed rulemaking to amend DOE's NEPA implementing procedures indicated that DOE would hold a public meeting if there were public interest in an opportunity to present oral comments (61 FR 6414, February 20, 1996). The written comment period closed on April 5, 1996. DOE has received comments from 25 individuals and organizations. One commenter requested public hearings in various locations around the Nation. None of the other commenters indicated an interest in amplifying their written comments through an oral presentation. In view of the lack of widespread interest in an opportunity for public hearings at regional locations, DOE has decided to reopen the comment period and schedule a single public hearing in Washington, D.C.

A DOE official will be designated to preside at the hearing. The hearing will not be a judicial or an evidentiary-type hearing, but will be conducted in accordance with the informal rulemaking procedural requirements under the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 553, and section 501 of the Department of Energy Organization Act, 42 U.S.C. 7191. The length of each presentation will be limited to ten minutes, or as determined by the presiding officer based on the number of persons who request an opportunity to speak at the outset of the hearing. DOE will make arrangements upon request for public participation in the hearing by telephone conference call from various DOE regional offices. If you wish to present comments at the hearing via telephone, you must call one of the numbers listed above by April 29, 1996, to make arrangements for a time to speak. The presiding officer may establish additional procedures governing the conduct of the hearing.

A transcript of the hearing will be prepared and made available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Energy Freedom of Information Reading Room, room 1E-110 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-0119, phone (202) 586-6020.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 95-NM-249-AD]

Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A320-111, -211, and -231 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes the adoption of a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to certain Airbus Model A320-111, -211, and -231 series airplanes. This proposal would require visual inspections to detect cracks of the fittings of the pressurized floor at frame 36, and renewal of the zone protective finish or replacement of fittings with new fittings, if necessary. This proposal is prompted by a report of fatigue cracking found on the pressurized floor fitting at frame 36 under the lower surface panel. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent such fatigue cracking, which could result in failure of a floor fitting and subsequent depressurization of the fuselage.

DATES: Comments must be received by May 31, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-103, Attention: Rules Docket No. 95-NM-249-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from Airbus Industrie, 1 Rond Point Maurice Bellonte, 31707 Blagnac Cedex, France. This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane