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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[CGD 97-061]

National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee (NOSAC) will meet to discuss various issues relating to offshore safety. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting of NOSAC will be held on Thursday, October 23, 1997 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before October 9, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The NOSAC meeting will be held at Transocean Offshore Inc., 4 Greenway Plaza, Room C100, Houston, Texas. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should be sent to Captain R.L. Skewes, Commandant (G-MSO), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Captain R.L. Skewes, Executive Director of NOSAC, or Mr. Jim Magill, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone (202) 267-0214, fax (202) 267-4570.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2.

Agenda of Meeting

The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Introduction and swearing-in of new members.
- (2) Progress report from the Prevention Through People Subcommittee.
- (3) Progress report from the Subcommittee on Pipeline. Free Anchorage for Mobile Offshore Drilling Units (MODUs), Liftboats and Vessels.
- (4) Status report on revision of 33 CFR Subchapter "N", Outer Continental Shelf Regulations.
- (5) Status report on the Final Rule of 46 CFR Subchapter "L" on Offshore Supply Vessels (OSVs) and Liftboats.
- (6) Report on issues concerning the International Maritime Organization

(IMO) and the International Organization of Standardization (ISO).

(7) Status report from Safety Regulatory Reform Subcommittee.

(8) Report from subcommittee on Big "L" OSVs, Crew Boats, Alternate Tonnage and Licensing of OSVs.

Procedural

The meeting is open to the public. At the Chairperson's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting. If you would like to make an oral presentation at the meeting, please notify the Executive Director no later than October 9, 1997. Written material for distribution at the meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than October 9, 1997. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the Committee or Subcommittee in advance of the meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than October 9, 1997.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the Assistant to the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: September 10, 1997.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. 28895]

Airport Privatization Pilot Program: Application Procedures

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of final application procedures.

SUMMARY: Section 149 of the Federal Aviation Authorization Act of 1996 establishes an airport privatization pilot program, and authorizes the Department of Transportation to grant exemptions from certain Federal statutory and regulatory requirements for up to five airport privatization projects. A request for participation in the airport privatization pilot program will be initiated by the filing of either a preliminary or final application for exemption with the FAA. This statement identifies the issues the Department will consider in granting

exemptions and approving the transfer of a public use airport under the program; it also describes the application procedures to be used by interested public airport sponsors and private parties to apply for an exemption under the program.

DATES: This policy is effective on publication. With exception noted below, preliminary and final applications for exemption will be accepted on or after December 1, 1997, and will be handled on a first-come first-served basis until the limits of section 47134 are reached. An otherwise qualifying preliminary or final application for exemption will be accepted before December 1, 1997, if the sponsor has issued, on or before the date of publication of this notice, a formal solicitation or request for proposals for the sale or lease of an airport. All applications will be evaluated in the order of receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Benedict D. Castellano Manager, (202-267-8728) or Kevin C. Willis (202-267-8741) Airport Safety and Compliance Branch, AAS-310, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20591.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction and Background

This notice of application procedures to be used by applicants for an airport privatization project is being published pursuant to section 149 of the Federal Aviation Administration Authorization Act of 1996, Public Law 104-264 (October 9, 1996) (1996 Reauthorization Act), which adds a new section 47134 to Title 49 of the U.S. Code. Section 47134 authorizes the Secretary of Transportation, and through delegation, the FAA Administrator, to exempt a sponsor of a public use airport that has received Federal assistance, from certain Federal requirements in connection with the privatization of the airport by sale or lease to a private party. Specifically, the Administrator may exempt the sponsor from all or part of the requirements to use airport revenues for airport-related purposes, to pay back a portion of Federal grants upon the sale of an airport, and to return airport property deeded by the Federal Government upon transfer of the airport. The Administrator is also authorized to exempt the private purchaser or lessee from the requirement to use all airport revenues for airport-related purposes, to the extent necessary to permit the purchaser or lessee to earn compensation from the operations of the airport.