

used for the experimental test for the final exemption must have been from jet aircraft engines, which at this stage in the development and use of nickel-thoria components in engines was the only application. This is possibly the reason that the exemption specifies only jet aircraft engines. The M1A1 Battle Tank Engine AGT 1500 was not developed until after 1967. The M1A1 Battle Tank Engine AGT 1500 contains the same nickel-thoria alloy as is contained in the JT9D jet engine. The petitioner also has pointed out that the material in the M1A1 Battle Tank Engine AGT 1500 would produce the same results if put to the same experimental tests the Commission conducted in 1963–1967.

In support of its petition, Chromalloy asserts that the NRC considers that jet aircraft engine products are not intended for public use, and cites a **Federal Register** notice published by the Atomic Energy Commission on November 18, 1967 (32 FR 15872) as a basis for this assertion:

The Commission considers that finished aircraft engine parts containing nickel-thoria alloy are not products intended for use by the general public within the purview of § 150.15(a)(6) of 10 CFR Part 150, "Exemptions and Continued Regulatory Authority in Agreement States Under Section 274." Accordingly, the transfer of possession or control of such finished aircraft engine parts in Agreement States by the manufacturer, processor, or producer would not be regulated by the Commission.

Finally, the petitioner asserts that if the Commission does not view the presence of nickel-thoria in jet aircraft engines to be unsafe to the public, then the presence of nickel-thoria in tank engines should be reviewed in the same light because the public's exposure to battle tank engines is far less than the public's exposure to aircraft engines. Therefore, the petitioner believes that the exemption must apply to both the JT9D aircraft and the M1A1 AGT 1500 battle tank gas turbine engine.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of December, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**John C. Hoyle,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

[Notice 1997–17]

### 11 CFR Part 114

#### Qualified Nonprofit Corporations

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

**ACTION:** Rulemaking petition: notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** On November 17, 1997, the Commission received a Petition for Rulemaking from the James Madison Center for Free Speech urging the Commission to begin a rulemaking proceeding to conform portions of its regulations to a decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. These regulations set forth the scope of the exemption from the prohibition on corporate independent expenditures for a narrow class of non-profit ideological corporations. The petition is available for inspection in the Commission's Public Records Office.

**DATES:** Statements in support of or in opposition to the petition must be filed on or before January 23, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments should be addressed to Susan E. Propper, Assistant General Counsel, and must be submitted in either written or electronic form. Written comments should be sent to the Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20463. Faxed comments should be sent to (202) 219–3923, with printed copy follow up. Electronic mail comments should be sent to qncpetition@fec.gov.

Commenters sending comments by electronic mail should include their full name and postal service address within the text of their comments. Electronic mail comments that do not contain the full name, electronic mail address and postal service address of the commenter will not be considered.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Susan E. Propper, Assistant General Counsel, or Paul Sanford, Staff Attorney, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463, (202) 219–3690 or (800) 424–9530.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On November 17, 1997, the Commission received a Petition for Rulemaking from the James Madison Center for Free Speech requesting that the Commission institute a rulemaking proceeding to conform its regulations at 11 CFR 114.10 to the decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in *Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life v. Federal Election Commission*, 113 F.3d 129 (8th Cir. 1997). These regulations describe a category of nonprofit corporations that are exempt from the prohibition on independent expenditures in 2 U.S.C. § 441b. See also 11 CFR 114.2.

Copies of the petition are available for public inspection in the Commission's Public Records Office, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20463, Monday through Friday between the hours of

9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Copies of the petition can also be obtained at any time of the day and week from the Commission's home page at www.fec.gov, or from the Commission's FAXline service. To obtain copies of the petition from FAXline, dial (202) 501–3413 and follow the FAXline service instructions. Request document #233 to receive the petition.

Members of the public are invited to comment on the petition. All statements in support of or in opposition to the petition should be addressed to Susan E. Propper, Assistant General Counsel, and must be submitted in either written or electronic form. Written comments should be sent to the Commission's postal service address: Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20463. Faxed comments should be sent to (202) 219–3923. Commenters submitting faxed comments should also submit a printed copy to the Commission's postal service address to ensure legibility. Comments may also be sent by electronic mail to qncpetition@fec.gov. Commenters sending comments by electronic mail should include their full name, electronic mail address and postal service address within the text of their comments. Electronic mail comments that do not contain the full name, electronic mail address and postal service address of the commenter will not be considered. All comments, regardless of form, must be submitted by January 23, 1998.

Consideration of the merits of the petition will be deferred until the close of the comment period. If the Commission decides that the petition has merit, it may begin a rulemaking proceeding. Any subsequent action taken by the Commission will be announced in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 5, 1997.

**John Warren McGarry,**

*Chairman, Federal Election Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 97–AEA–44]

#### Proposed Amendment to Class E Airspace; Ravenswood, WV

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.