

post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090 on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-BATS-2014-072, and should be submitted on or before January 21, 2015.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²²

Brent J. Fields,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 8989]

Notice of Meeting of the International Telecommunication Advisory Committee and Preparations for Upcoming International Telecommunications Meetings

This notice announces a meeting of the Department of State's International Telecommunication advisory Committee (ITAC) to review the activities of the Department of State in international meetings on international communications and information policy over the last quarter and prepare for similar activities in the next quarter. The ITAC will meet on January 22, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. EST at: 1300 I Street NW., (suite 400), Washington, DC, 20005 to provide an update on committee membership (see FR 2014-28411); review the preparations for and outcomes of international

telecommunications meetings of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the Inter-American Telecommunications Commission, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, and Asia Pacific, and announce preparations for similar activities. In particular, preparations for the ITU Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM) for the 2015 World Radiocommunication Conference will be highlighted.

Attendance at this meeting is open to the public as seating capacity allows. The public will have an opportunity to provide comments at this meeting at the invitation of the chair. Further details on this ITAC meeting will be announced on the Department of State's email list, ITAC@lmlist.state.gov. Use of the ITAC list is limited to meeting announcements and confirmations, distribution of agendas and other relevant meeting documents. The Department welcomes any U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident to remain on or join the ITAC listserv by providing his or her name, email address, and the company, organization, or community that he or she is representing, if any. Persons wishing to request reasonable accommodation during the meeting should contact jacksonln@state.gov or gadsdensf@state.gov not later than January 15, 2015. Requests made after that time will be considered, but might not be able to be fulfilled.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Please contact Franz Zichy at 202-647-5778, zichyff@state.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8988]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Committee Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday January 20, 2015, in Room 8 of the DOT Conference Center which is in the West building, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Washington, DC 20590. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the second Session of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW) to be held at

the IMO Headquarters, United Kingdom, February 2-06, 2015.

The agenda items to be considered include:

- Decisions of other IMO bodies
- Validated model training courses
- Reports on unlawful practices associated with certificates of competency
- Revised guidelines for model course development, updating and validation processes
- Guidance for the implementation of the 2010 Manila Amendments
- Follow-up action to the STCW-F Conference resolutions 6 and 7
- Role of the human element
- Development of guidance for personnel involved with tug-barge operations
- Revision of guidance for model course development, updating and validation processes
- Mandatory Code for ships operating in polar waters
- Review of STCW passenger ship specific safety training
- Training in hot work procedures on crude oil tankers
- First outline of the detailed review of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)
- E-navigation strategy implementation plan
- Guidelines for shipowners and seafarers for implementation of relevant IMO instruments in relation to the carriage of dangerous goods in packaged form by sea
- Non-mandatory instrument on regulations for non-convention ships

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. To facilitate the building security process, and to request reasonable accommodation, those who plan to attend should contact the meeting coordinator, Mr. Davis J. Breyer, by email at davis.j.breyer@uscg.mil, by phone at (202) 372-1445, by fax at (202) 372-8283, or in writing at Commandant (CG-OES-1), U.S. Coast Guard Stop 7509, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE., Washington, DC 20593-7509 not later than January 9, 2015, 11 days prior to the meeting. Requests made after January 9, 2015 might not be able to be accommodated. Please note that due to security considerations, two valid, government issued photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to the DOT Conference Center. The DOT Conference Center is accessible by taxi and privately owned conveyance (public transportation is not generally available). However, parking in the vicinity of the building is extremely

²² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

limited. Additional information regarding this and other IMO SHC public meetings may be found at: www.uscg.mil/imo.

Dated: December 18, 2014.

Marc Zlomek,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Office of Commercial Space Transportation; Notice of Availability and Request for Comment on the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Houston Spaceport, City of Houston, Harris County, Texas

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of Availability, Notice of Public Comment Period, Notice of Public Meeting, and Request for Comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA; 42 United States Code 4321 *et seq.*), Council on Environmental Quality NEPA implementing regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations parts 1500 to 1508), and FAA Order 1050.1E, Change 1, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*, the FAA is announcing the availability of and requesting comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Houston Spaceport (Draft EA).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Daniel Czelusniak, Office of Commercial Space Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave. SW., Suite 325, Washington, DC 20591; phone (202) 267-5924; or email houston-spaceportEA@houston-tx.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Draft EA was prepared to analyze the potential environmental impacts of Houston Airport System's (HAS's) proposal to establish and operate a commercial space launch site at the Ellington Airport (EFD), in Houston, Texas and offer the site to prospective commercial space launch operators for the operation of horizontal take-off and horizontal landing Concept X and Concept Z reusable launch vehicles (RLVs). To operate a commercial space launch site, HAS must obtain a commercial space launch site operator license from the FAA. Under the Proposed Action addressed in the Draft

EA, the FAA would: (1) Issue a launch site operator license to HAS for the operation of a commercial space launch site at EFD; (2) issue launch licenses to prospective commercial space launch operators that would allow them to conduct launches of horizontal take-off and horizontal landing Concept X and Concept Z RLVs from EFD, and (3) provide unconditional approval to the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) modifications that reflect the designation of a spaceport boundary and construction of planned spaceport facilities and infrastructure. Proposed launch operations would begin in 2015 and continue through 2019 in accordance with the terms of the launch site operator license. HAS proposes to provide RLV operators the ability to conduct up to 50 launches and landings (or 100 operations) per year, with approximately five percent of the operations expected to occur during night-time hours.

The Draft EA addresses the potential environmental impacts of implementing the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternative. Under the No Action Alternative, the FAA would not issue a launch site operator license to HAS, and thus no launch licenses to individual commercial space launch vehicle operators to operate at EFD. Also, there would be no need to update the EFD ALP, and thus there would be no FAA approval of a revised ALP. Existing operations would continue at EFD, which is currently classified as a commercial primary small-hub airport.

The environmental impact categories considered in the Draft EA include air quality; climate; coastal resources; compatible land use; Department of Transportation Act: Section 4(f); fish, wildlife, and plants; floodplains; hazardous materials, pollution prevention, and solid waste; historical, architectural, archaeological, and cultural resources; light emissions and visual impacts; natural resources and energy supply; noise; socioeconomic, environmental justice, and children's environmental health and safety risks; water quality; and wetlands. The Draft EA also considers the potential cumulative environmental impacts.

The FAA has posted the Draft EA on the FAA Office of Commercial Space Transportation Web site: http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ast/environmental/nepa_docs/review/documents_progress/.

A paper copy and electronic version (CD) of the Draft EA may be reviewed for comment during regular business hours at the following libraries:

- Clear Lake City-County Freeman Branch Library, 16616 Diana Lane, Houston, TX 77062
- Friendswood Public Library, 416 South Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546
- Alvin Library, 105 South Gordon Street, Alvin, TX 77511
- Hitchcock Public Library, 8005 Barry Avenue, Hitchcock, TX 77563

The FAA will hold an open house public meeting to solicit comments from the public concerning the scope and content of the Draft EA. Details of the meeting are as follows:

- January 22, 2015, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Space Center Houston, Silvermoon Conference Room (1st floor), 1601 NASA Parkway, Houston, TX 77058

The public will be able to speak to project representatives one-on-one and submit written comments and/or provide oral comments to a stenographer. Oral and written comments are weighted evenly.

DATES: The FAA encourages all interested parties to provide comments concerning the scope and content of the Draft EA. To ensure that all comments can be addressed in the Final EA, comments on the draft must be received by the FAA on or before January 31, 2015, or 30 days from the date of publication of this **Federal Register** (FR) notice, whichever is later.

Comments should be as specific as possible and address the analysis of potential environmental impacts and the adequacy of the Proposed Action or merits of alternatives being considered. Reviewers should organize their comments to be meaningful and inform the FAA of their interests and concerns by quoting or providing specific references to the text of the Draft EA. Matters that could have been raised with specificity during the comment period on the Draft EA may not be considered if they are raised for the first time later in the decision process. This commenting procedure is intended to ensure that substantive comments and concerns are made available to the FAA in a timely manner so that the FAA has an opportunity to address them.

ADDRESSES: Please submit comments in writing to Mr. Daniel Czelusniak, Office of Commercial Space Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave. SW., Suite 325, Washington, DC 20591, or by email at houston-spaceportEA@houston-tx.gov.