

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Commission Meeting

AGENCY: Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Susquehanna River Basin Commission will hold its regular business meeting on December 8, 2017, in Annapolis, Maryland. Details concerning the matters to be addressed at the business meeting are contained in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, December 8, 2017, at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Loews Annapolis Hotel, Windmill Point Room (second floor of Powerhouse Building), 126 West St., Annapolis, MD 21401.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jason E. Oyler, General Counsel, 717-238-0423, ext. 1312.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The business meeting will include actions or presentations on the following items: (1) Informational presentation of interest to the Lower Susquehanna Subbasin area; (2) resolution concerning FY2019 federal funding of the Groundwater and Streamflow Information Program; (3) resolution adopting amendments to Commission's By-laws; (4) ratification/approval of contracts/grants; (5) rulemaking action to codify in the Commission's regulations and strengthen the Commission's Access to Records Policy providing rules and procedures for the public to request and receive the Commission's public records; (6) report on delegated settlements; and (7) Regulatory Program projects.

The Regulatory Program projects and the final rulemaking were the subject of a public hearing conducted by the Commission on November 2, 2017, notice for which was published in 82 FR 46343, October 4, 2017, and 82 FR 47407, October 12, 2017, respectively.

The public is invited to attend the Commission's business meeting. Comments on the Regulatory Program projects and the final rulemaking were subject to a deadline of November 13, 2017. Written comments pertaining to other items on the agenda at the business meeting may be mailed to the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, 4423 North Front Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110-1788, or submitted electronically through <http://www.srb.com/pubinfo/publicparticipation.htm>. Such

comments are due to the Commission on or before December 1, 2017. Comments will not be accepted at the business meeting noticed herein.

Authority: Pub. L. 91-575, 84 Stat. 1509 *et seq.*, 18 CFR parts 806, 807, and 808.

Dated: November 2, 2017.

Stephanie L. Richardson,
Secretary to the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration Pilot Program—Announcement of Establishment of Program and Request for Applications

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

ACTION: Notice of the establishment of the Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Integration Pilot Program and request for applications.

SUMMARY: Through the FAA, the DOT announces a new pilot program that encourages State, local, and tribal governments, in partnership with UAS operators and other private sector stakeholders, to conduct advanced operations safely and with public support in affected communities. State, local, and tribal governments, and any partnered stakeholders, with guidance from the FAA, will propose and define these operational concepts and determine how to manage them at the local level under the safety oversight role of the FAA. All organizations interested in applying or participating must follow the procedures set forth in the agency's Screening Information Request (SIR), which is described later in this document.

DATES: Interested State, local, or tribal governments must declare an intent to participate in the Program no later than November 28, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Interested governments may request FAA/UAS Program Portal (Portal) access via email to 9-AWA-UASIPP@faa.gov as detailed in the SIR (SIR DTFAWA-18-R-00001) available at <http://faaco.faa.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general Program questions, Mr. Earl Lawrence, Director, Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration Office, 490 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Suite 7225, Washington, DC 20024, telephone (844) 359-6982, email 9-AWA-UASIPP@faa.gov; or, for solicitation questions, Mr. Gavin Byrne,

Manager, AAQ-220, Automation Contracts Branch, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (844) 359-6982, email 9-AWA-UASIPP@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Purpose and Objectives

The DOT announces a new pilot program that will accelerate existing UAS integration plans by working to solve technical, regulatory, and policy challenges, while enabling advanced UAS operations in select areas subject to ongoing safety oversight and cooperation between the Federal government and applicable State, local, or tribal jurisdictions. In a memorandum dated October 25, 2017, the President declared that it is the policy of the United States to promote the safe operation of UAS and enable the development of UAS technologies and their use in agriculture, commerce, emergency management, human transportation, and other sectors.¹ The President directed the Secretary to establish a pilot program under which State, local, and tribal governments can submit proposals to the Secretary to test and evaluate the integration of civil and public UAS operations into the low-altitude NAS. The Program announced in this document implements this national policy under the FAA's general authority to develop plans and policy for the use of the navigable airspace. 49 U.S.C. 40103(b).

Consistent with the Presidential Memorandum, the DOT has established four objectives for the Program: (1) To accelerate the safe integration of UAS into the NAS by testing and validating new concepts of beyond visual line of sight operations in a controlled environment, focusing on detect and avoid technologies, command and control links, navigation, weather and human factors; (2) to address ongoing security and safety risks associated with UAS operating in close proximity to human beings and critical infrastructure by ensuring that operators communicate more effectively with Federal, State, local, and tribal law enforcement to enable law enforcement to determine if a UAS operation poses such a risk; (3) to promote innovation in and development of the United States unmanned aviation industry, especially in sectors such as agriculture, emergency management, inspection

¹ A link to the Presidential Memorandum can be found on the FAA's Web site www.faa.gov/uas.