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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 21

[Docket No. FAA-2024-1656]

Draft Policy Statement Regarding Safety Continuum for Powered-Lift

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT. **ACTION:** Notification of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FAA invites public comment on the agency's draft policy statement that establishes a safety continuum for the certification of powered-lift.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 12, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified with "Safety Continuum for Poweredlift" and docket number FAA-2024-1656, using any of the following

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to www.regulations.gov and follow the instructions for submitting comments electronically.
- Mail: Send comments to Docket Operations, M-30; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12–140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- Hand Delivery or Courier: Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
- Fax: Fax comments to Docket Operations at (202) 493-2251.

Privacy: The FAA will post all comments it receives without change to www.regulations.gov, including any personal information the commenter provides. DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement can be found in the **Federal** Register published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-19478), as well as at DocketsInfo.dot.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Powered-lift are heavier-than-air aircraft capable of vertical takeoff, vertical landing, and low speed flight that depends principally on enginedriven lift devices or engine thrust for lift during these flight regimes and on nonrotating airfoil(s) for lift during horizontal flight. Powered-lift designs vary in size, capability, and performance. These aircraft are intended to perform a wide variety of operations such as urban air mobility, flight training, air ambulance, search and rescue, external-load/utility, firefighting, electronic newsgathering, air tours, and private use.

Recognizing that advancements in technology have the potential to enhance safety and recognizing the broad variations in the population of normal category aircraft, the FAA reviewed the safety continuum policies for both normal category airplanes and normal category rotorcraft and developed this proposed policy statement, which applies the FAA's safety continuum concept to the certification of powered-lift. This proposed policy would provide a balanced approach between the risk and safety benefits for certificating such aircraft. This policy establishes certification levels for powered-lift and establishes a graduated scale of compliance standards for the certification of these aircraft. These certification levels are based on aircraft maximum gross weight, maximum passenger seating configuration, and type of operation (general aviation vs. passenger transportation for compensation or hire) and are used to establish the safety objectives for system safety and aircraft performance.

Comments Invited

The FAA invites the public to submit comments on the draft policy statement as specified in the ADDRESSES section.

Commenters should include the subject line "Safety Continuum for Poweredlift" and docket number FAA-2024-1656 on all comments submitted to the FAA. The most helpful comments will reference a specific portion of the draft document, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. The FAA will also consider all comments received on or before the closing date before issuing the final policy statement. The FAA will also consider late filed comments if it is possible to do so without incurring expense or delay.

You may examine the draft policy statement on the agency's public website and in the docket as follows:

- At www.regulations.gov in Docket FAA-2024-1656.
 - At www.faa.gov/aircraft/draft docs/

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 7, 2024. Daniel J. Elgas,

Director, Policy and Standards Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2024-1482: Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00135-T]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; ATR-GIE Avions de Transport Régional **Airplanes**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to supersede Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2023-02-08, which applies to certain ATR-GIE Avions de Transport Régional Model ATR42–500 airplanes. AD 2023– 02–08 requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations. Since the FAA issued AD 2023–02–08, the FAA has determined that new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations are necessary. This proposed AD would continue to require certain

actions in AD 2023–02–08 and would require revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations, as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD, which is proposed for incorporation by reference (IBR). The FAA is proposing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: The FAA must receive comments on this proposed AD by July 29, 2024. **ADDRESSES:** You may send comments, using the procedures found in 14 CFR 11.43 and 11.45, by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
 - Fax: 202–493–2251.
- *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M– 30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.
- Hand Delivery: Deliver to Mail address above between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

AD Docket: You may examine the AD docket at regulations.gov under Docket No. FAA–2024–1482; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this NPRM, the mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI), any comments received, and other information. The street address for Docket Operations is listed above.

Material Incorporated by Reference:

- For EASA material, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email ADs@easa.europa.eu; website easa.europa.eu. You may find this material on the EASA website ad.easa.europa.eu.
- You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th Street, Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206–231–3195. It is also available at regulations.gov under Docket No. FAA–2024–1482.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Shahram Daneshmandi, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; telephone 206–231–3220; email shahram.daneshmandi@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

The FAA invites you to send any written relevant data, views, or

arguments about this proposal. Send your comments to an address listed under ADDRESSES. Include "Docket No. FAA-2024-1482; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00135-T" at the beginning of your comments. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the proposal, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. The FAA will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend this proposal because of those comments.

Except for Confidential Business Information (CBI) as described in the following paragraph, and other information as described in 14 CFR 11.35, the FAA will post all comments received, without change, to regulations.gov, including any personal information you provide. The agency will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact received about this NPRM.

Confidential Business Information

CBI is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to this NPRM contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to this NPRM, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Please mark each page of your submission containing CBI as "PROPIN." The FAA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the FOIA, and they will not be placed in the public docket of this NPRM. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Shahram Daneshmandi, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; telephone 206-231–3220; email shahram.daneshmandi@faa.gov. Any commentary that the FAA receives that is not specifically designated as CBI will

rulemaking. **Background**

The FAA issued AD 2023–02–08, Amendment 39–22315 (88 FR 7867, February 7, 2023) (AD 2023–02–08), for certain ATR–GIE Avions de Transport Régional Model ATR42–500 airplanes. AD 2023–02–08 was prompted by an MCAI originated by EASA, which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Union. EASA issued AD 2022–0200, dated September 26, 2022 (EASA AD 2022–0200) (which

be placed in the public docket for this

corresponds to FAA AD 2023–02–08), to correct an unsafe condition.

AD 2023–02–08 requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations. The FAA issued AD 2023–02–08 to prevent reduced structural integrity of the airplane.

Actions Since AD 2023-02-08 Was Issued

Since the FAA issued AD 2023–02–08, EASA superseded AD 2022–0200 and issued EASA AD 2024–0052, dated February 23, 2024 (EASA AD 2024–0052) (referred to after this as the MCAI), for all ATR–400 and ATR–500 airplanes. Model ATR–400 airplanes are not certificated by the FAA and are not included on the U.S. type certificate data sheet; this proposed AD therefore does not include those airplanes in the applicability. The MCAI states that new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations have been developed.

Airplanes with an original airworthiness certificate or original export certificate of airworthiness issued after October 16, 2023, must comply with the airworthiness limitations specified as part of the approved type design and referenced on the type certificate data sheet; this proposed AD therefore does not include those airplanes in the applicability.

The FAA is proposing this AD to address among other things, fatigue cracking and damage in principal structural elements. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in reduced structural integrity of the airplane. You may examine the MCAI in the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2024–1482.

Related Service Information Under 1 CFR Part 51

The FAA reviewed EASA AD 2024-0052 that revises the ATR42-400/-500 Time Limits Document and incorporates EASA AD 2020–0249R1, which required a repetitive operational test for discrepancies of the stall warning system and stick pusher in the flight configuration for ATR-GIE Avions de Transport Régional Model ATR42-500 and ATR72 airplanes. This service information specifies new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations for airplane structures and safe life limits. EASA AD 2020-0249R1 revises EASA AD 2020-0249, which corresponds to FAA AD 2020-26-17, Amendment 39-21372 (85 FR 81795, December 17, 2020) (AD 2020-26-17).

This proposed AD would also require EASA AD 2022–0200, which the Director of the **Federal Register** approved for incorporation by reference as of March 14, 2023 (88 FR 7867, February 7, 2023).

This material is reasonably available because the interested parties have access to it through their normal course of business or by the means identified in ADDRESSES.

FAA's Determination

This product has been approved by the aviation authority of another country and is approved for operation in the United States. Pursuant to the FAA's bilateral agreement with this State of Design Authority, it has notified the FAA of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI referenced above. The FAA is issuing this NPRM after determining that the unsafe condition described previously is likely to exist or develop in other products of the same type design.

Proposed AD Requirements in This NPRM

This proposed AD would retain all requirements of AD 2023–02–08. This proposed AD would require revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate additional new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations, which are specified in EASA AD 2024–0052 described previously, except for any differences identified as exceptions in the regulatory text of this proposed AD.

This proposed AD would require revisions to certain operator maintenance documents to include new actions (e.g., inspections) and Critical Design Configuration Control Limitations (CDCCLs). Compliance with these actions and CDCCLs is required by 14 CFR 91.403(c). For airplanes that have been previously modified, altered, or repaired in the areas addressed by this proposed AD, the operator may not be able to accomplish the actions described in the revisions. In this situation, to comply with 14 CFR 91.403(c), the operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance (AMOC) according to paragraph (n)(1) of this proposed AD.

Explanation of Required Compliance Information

In the FAA's ongoing efforts to improve the efficiency of the AD process, the FAA developed a process to use some civil aviation authority (CAA) ADs as the primary source of information for compliance with requirements for corresponding FAA ADs. The FAA has been coordinating this process with manufacturers and CAAs. As a result, the FAA proposes to retain the IBR of EASA AD 2022–0200

and incorporate EASA AD 2024-0052 by reference in the FAA final rule. This proposed AD would, therefore, require compliance with EASA AD 2022-0200 and EASA AD 2024-0052 through that incorporation, except for any differences identified as exceptions in the regulatory text of this proposed AD. Using common terms that are the same as the heading of a particular section in EASA AD 2022-0200 and EASA AD 2024–0052 does not mean that operators need comply only with that section. For example, where the AD requirement refers to "all required actions and compliance times," compliance with this AD requirement is not limited to the section titled "Required Action(s) and Compliance Time(s)" in EASA AD 2022-0200 and EASA AD 2024-0052. Service information required by EASA AD 2022-0200 and EASA AD 2024-0052 for compliance will be available at regulations.gov by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2024-1482 after the FAA final rule is published.

Airworthiness Limitation ADs Using the New Process

The FAA's process of incorporating by reference MCAI ADs as the primary source of information for compliance with corresponding FAA ADs has been limited to certain MCAI ADs (primarily those with service bulletins as the primary source of information for accomplishing the actions required by the FAA AD). However, the FAA is now expanding the process to include MCAI ADs that require a change to airworthiness limitation documents, such as airworthiness limitation sections.

For these ADs that incorporate by reference an MCAI AD that changes airworthiness limitations, the FAA requirements are unchanged. Operators must revise the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate the information specified in the new airworthiness limitation document. The airworthiness limitations must be followed according to 14 CFR 91.403(c) and 91.409(e).

The previous format of the airworthiness limitation ADs included a paragraph that specified that no alternative actions (e.g., inspections), intervals, or CDCCLs may be used unless the actions, intervals, and CDCCLs are approved as an AMOC in accordance with the procedures specified in the AMOCs paragraph under "Additional AD Provisions." This new format includes a "New Provisions for Alternative Actions, Intervals, and CDCCLs" paragraph that does not specifically refer to AMOCs, but operators may still request an AMOC to

use an alternative action, interval, or CDCCL.

Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD, if adopted as proposed, would affect 17 airplanes of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this proposed AD:

The FAA estimates the total cost per operator for the retained actions from AD 2023–02–08 to be \$7,650 (90 workhours \times \$85 per work-hour).

The FAA has determined that revising the existing maintenance or inspection program takes an average of 90 workhours per operator, although the agency recognizes that this number may vary from operator to operator. Since operators incorporate maintenance or inspection program changes for their affected fleet(s), the FAA has determined that a per-operator estimate is more accurate than a per-airplane estimate.

The FAA estimates the total cost per operator for the new proposed actions to be \$7,650 (90 work-hours \times \$85 per work-hour).

Authority for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA's authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII: Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the Agency's authority.

The FAA is issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701: General requirements. Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

Regulatory Findings

The FAA determined that this proposed AD would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This proposed AD would not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify this proposed regulation:

- (1) Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866,
- (2) Would not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and
- (3) Would not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA proposes to amend 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

- 2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by:
- a. Removing airworthiness directive 2023–02–08, Amendment 39–22315 (88 FR 7867, February 7, 2023); and
- b. Adding the following new airworthiness directive:

ATR-GIE Avions de Transport Régional: Docket No. FAA-2024-1482; Project

Identifier MCAI–2024–1482; Projection Identifier MCAI–2024–00135–T.

(a) Comments Due Date

The FAA must receive comments on this airworthiness directive (AD) by July 29, 2024.

(b) Affected ADs

This AD replaces AD 2023–02–08, Amendment 39–22315 (88 FR 7867, February 7, 2023) (AD 2023–02–08).

This AD affects AD 2020–26–17, Amendment 39–21372 (85 FR 81795, December 17, 2020) (AD 2020–26–17).

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to ATR–GIE Avions de Transport Régional Model ATR42–500 airplanes, certificated in any category, with an original airworthiness certificate or original export certificate of airworthiness issued on or before October 16, 2023.

(d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 05, Time Limits/Maintenance Checks.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by a determination that new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations are necessary. The FAA is issuing this AD to address among other things, fatigue cracking and damage in principal structural elements. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in reduced structural integrity of the airplane.

(f) Compliance

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

(g) Retained Revision of the Existing Maintenance or Inspection Program, With a New Terminating Action

This paragraph restates the requirements of paragraph (j) of AD 2023-02-08, with a new terminating action. For airplanes with an original airworthiness certificate or original export certificate of airworthiness dated on or before July 29, 2022: Except as specified in paragraph (h) of this AD, comply with all required actions and compliance times specified in, and in accordance with, European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2022-0200, dated September 26, 2022 (ÉASA AD 2022-0200). Accomplishing the revision of the existing maintenance or inspection program required by paragraph (j) of this AD terminates the requirements of this paragraph.

(h) Retained Exceptions to EASA AD 2022–0200, With No Changes

This paragraph restates the exceptions specified in paragraph (k) of AD 2023–02–08, with no changes.

- (1) The requirements specified in paragraph (1) and (2) of EASA AD 2022–0200 do not apply to this AD.
- (2) Paragraph (3) of EASA AD 2022–0200 specifies revising "the approved AMP" within 12 months after its effective date, but this AD requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, within 90 days after March 14, 2023 (the effective date of AD 2023–02–08).
- (3) The initial compliance time for doing the tasks specified in paragraph (3) of EASA AD 2022–0200 is at the applicable "limitations" and "associated thresholds" as incorporated by the requirements of paragraph (3) of EASA AD 2022–0200, or within 90 days after March 14, 2023 (the effective date of AD 2023–02–08), whichever occurs later.
- (4) The provisions specified in paragraphs (4) and (5) of EASA AD 2022–0200 do not apply to this AD.
- (5) The "Remarks" section of EASA AD 2022–0200 does not apply to this AD.

(i) Retained Restrictions on Alternative Actions, Intervals, and Critical Design Configuration Control Limitations (CDCCLs), With New Exception

This paragraph restates the requirements of paragraph (l) of AD 2023–02–08, with a new exception. Except as required by paragraph (j) of this AD, after the maintenance or inspection program has been revised as required by paragraph (g) of this AD, no alternative actions (e.g., inspections), intervals, and CDCCLs are allowed unless they are approved as specified in the provisions of the "Ref. Publications" section of EASA AD 2022–0200.

(j) New Revision of the Existing Maintenance or Inspection Program

Except as specified in paragraph (k) of this AD: Comply with all required actions and compliance times specified in, and in

accordance with, EASA AD 2024–0052, dated February 23, 2024 (EASA AD 2024–0052). Accomplishing the revision of the existing maintenance or inspection program required by this paragraph terminates the requirements of paragraph (g) of this AD.

(k) Exceptions to EASA AD 2024-0052

- (1) This AD does not adopt the requirements specified in paragraphs (1) and (2) of EASA AD 2024–0052.
- (2) Paragraph (3) of EASA AD 2024–0052 specifies revising "the approved AMP," within 12 months after its effective date, but this AD requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, within 90 days after the effective date of this AD.
- (3) The initial compliance time for doing the tasks specified in paragraph (3) of EASA AD 2024–0052 is at the applicable "limitations" and "associated thresholds" as incorporated by the requirements of paragraph (3) of EASA AD 2024–0052, or within 90 days after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later.
- (4) This AD does not adopt the provisions specified in paragraphs (4) and (5) of EASA AD 2024–0052.
- (5) This AD does not adopt the "Remarks" section of EASA AD 2024–0052.

(1) New Provisions for Alternative Actions, Intervals, and Critical Design Configuration Control Limitations (CDCCLs)

After the existing maintenance or inspection program has been revised as required by paragraph (j) of this AD, no alternative actions (e.g., inspections), intervals, and CDCCLs are allowed unless they are approved as specified in the provisions of the "Ref. Publications" section of EASA AD 2024–0052.

(m) Terminating Action for Certain Tasks Required by AD 2020–26–17

For Model ATR42–500 airplanes only: Accomplishing the actions required by this AD terminates the corresponding requirements of AD 2020–26–17 for the tasks identified in the service information referenced in EASA AD 2024–0052 only.

(n) Additional AD Provisions

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

- (1) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs): The Manager, International Validation Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or responsible Flight Standards Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the International Validation Branch, mail it to the address identified in paragraph (o) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: 9-AVS-AIR-730-AMOC@faa.gov. Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the responsible Flight Standards Office.
- (2) Contacting the Manufacturer: For any requirement in this AD to obtain instructions from a manufacturer, the instructions must be accomplished using a method approved

by the Manager, International Validation Branch, FAA; or EASA; or ATR–GIE Avions de Transport Régional's EASA Design Organization Approval (DOA). If approved by the DOA, the approval must include the DOA-authorized signature.

(o) Additional Information

For more information about this AD, contact Shahram Daneshmandi, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; telephone 206–231–3220; email shahram.daneshmandi@faa.gov.

(p) Material Incorporated by Reference

- (1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference (IBR) of the service information listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.
- (2) You must use this service information as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless this AD specifies otherwise.
- (3) The following service information was approved for IBR on [DATE 35 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE FINAL RULE].
- (i) European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2024–0052, dated February 23, 2024.
 - (ii) [Reserved]
- (4) The following service information was approved for IBR on March 14, 2023 (88 FR 7867, February 7, 2023).
- (i) EASA AD 2022–0200, dated September 26, 2022.
 - (ii) [Reserved]
- (5) For EASA AD 2024–0052 and EASA AD 2022–0200, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email *ADs@ easa.europa.eu*; website *easa.europa.eu*. You may find these EASA ADs on the EASA website *ad.easa.europa.eu*.
- (6) You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th Street, Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206–231–3195.
- (7) You may view this material at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, visit www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations, or email fr.inspection@nara.gov.

Issued on June 4, 2024.

Victor Wicklund,

Deputy Director, Compliance & Airworthiness Division, Aircraft Certification Service. [FR Doc. 2024–12551 Filed 6–12–24; 8:45 am]

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R09-OAR-2023-0539; FRL-11747-01-R9]

Partial Approval and Partial Disapproval of Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Arizona; Infrastructure Requirements for Fine Particulate Matter

AGENCY: Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to partially approve and partially disapprove a revision to the Arizona state implementation plan (SIP) as meeting the requirements of the Clean Air Act (CAA) for the implementation, maintenance, and enforcement of the 2012 fine particulate matter ($PM_{2.5}$) national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS or "standards"). As part of this action, the EPA is proposing to approve regulatory provisions into the Arizona SIP. The EPA is seeking public comment on this proposed action and will accept comments from the public on this proposal for the next 30 days. **DATES:** Any comments must arrive by July 15, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R09-OAR-2023-0539 at https:// www.regulations.gov. For comments submitted at Regulations.gov, follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from Regulations.gov. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.*, on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, please contact the person identified in the FOR **FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. For the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit https://www.epa.gov/dockets/

commenting-epa-dockets. If you need assistance in a language other than English or if you are a person with a disability who needs a reasonable accommodation at no cost to you, please contact the person identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Dorantes, Geographic Strategies and Modeling Section (AIR-2-2), EPA

and Modeling Section (AIR–2–2), EPA Region IX, (415) 972–3934, dorantes.michael@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Throughout this document, "we," "us," and "our" refer to the EPA.

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I. The EPA's Approach To Reviewing Infrastructure SIPs

The EPA has historically referred to SIP submittals made for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of CAA sections 110(a)(1) and 110(a)(2) as "infrastructure SIP" submittals. Although the term "infrastructure SIP" does not appear in the CAA, the EPA uses the term to distinguish this particular type of SIP submittal from submittals that are intended to satisfy other SIP requirements under the CAA, such as "nonattainment SIP" or "attainment SIP" submittals to address the nonattainment planning requirements of CAA title I part D, "regional haze SIP" submittals required by EPA rule to address the visibility protection requirements of section 169A, and nonattainment new source review (NSR) permit program submittals to address the permit requirements of CAA title I part D.

Section 110(a)(1) of the Act requires that each State adopt and submit an infrastructure SIP for the implementation, maintenance, and enforcement of each NAAQS promulgated by the EPA, and that the