

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State is providing notice that the U.S. and Morocco will hold a meeting of the Working Group on Environmental Cooperation ("Working Group") in Rabat, Morocco on February 9, 2010, at a venue to be announced. Meetings of the Working Group were forecast in paragraph five of the United States-Morocco Joint Statement on Environmental Cooperation ("Joint Statement"), signed on June 1, 2004.

During the meeting, the U.S. and Morocco will review cooperative environmental work they have undertaken and will outline plans for future activities pursuant to the Joint Statement. In addition, the U.S. and Morocco will formally review and adopt a new 2010–2012 Plan of Action for implementing environmental cooperation consistent with the Joint Statement. The entire meeting will be open to the public with simultaneous interpretation in English and French. Time will be allocated for question and answer sessions. See below under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for additional details on the background and purpose of the meeting.

**DATES:** To be assured of timely consideration, all written comments or suggestions are requested no later than February 3, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments or suggestions should be e-mailed ([WingRD@state.gov](mailto:WingRD@state.gov)) or faxed ((202) 647–1052) to Robert Wing, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Oceans, Environment, and Science, Office of Environmental Policy, with the subject line "Meeting of the U.S.-Morocco Working Group on Environmental Cooperation." For those with access to the Internet, comments may be submitted at the following address: <http://www.regulations.gov/search/Regs/home.html#home>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Wing, telephone (202) 647–6780.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In paragraph five of the U.S.-Morocco Joint Statement on Environmental Cooperation, the United States and Morocco announced the establishment of a Working Group on Environmental Cooperation intended to meet regularly. The mandate of the Working Group is to advance environmental protection in Morocco by developing cooperative environmental activities that take into account environmental priorities and that are agreed to by the two Governments. The Working Group will develop a Plan of Action towards meeting this goal.

The 2005–2007 Plan of Action focused on a set of mutually identified

goals which will advance environmental protection in Morocco and will assist Morocco in meeting its obligations under the U.S.-Morocco Free Trade Agreement. These goals were: (1) Strengthening the capacity to develop, implement and enforce environmental laws and regulations, (2) encouraging the development of incentives and voluntary mechanisms to contribute to the achievement and maintenance of high levels of environmental protection, (3) promoting opportunities for public participation in environmental protection efforts and improving public access to information and access to justice on environmental issues, (4) protecting coastal environmental zones and estuaries and preventing the over-exploitation of fisheries resources, (5) safeguarding important natural resources, such as water, and protected areas in Morocco, and (6) promoting the growth of the environmental-technology business sector. Some indicative actions undertaken in these areas have included workshops on environmental impact assessment and the use of economic incentives for environmental decision making. Ongoing work includes: Assistance to Morocco on enhanced compliance with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES) through legislation; technical assistance for a plan to enforce environmental rules in the textile sector; and development of a plan to manage waste from olive oil factories. The United States Agency for International Development, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Commerce, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Agriculture and the Trade and Development Agency and others have been involved in implementing these activities. Officials from U.S. and Moroccan agencies will present and discuss their activities at the Working Group meeting. The 2010–2012 Plan of Action will seek to build upon the progress made in the previous Plan of Action and will detail cooperative activities in four main priority areas: Institutional and policy strengthening; biodiversity conservation and improved management of protected areas; improved private sector environmental performance; and environmental education, transparency, and public participation in environmental decision-making and enforcement.

For more information, interested parties are encouraged to refer to: (1) The U.S.-Morocco Joint Statement on Environmental Cooperation, (2) the 2005–2007 Plan of Action, (3) Chapter

17 of the Free Trade Agreement between the United States and Morocco, (4) the 2004 Final Environmental Review of the U.S.-Morocco Free Trade Agreement, and (5) the Web site of the Moroccan Ministry of the Environment (French and Arabic) which are all available or linked at: <http://www.state.gov/g/oes/env/trade/morocco>.

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*Acting Director, Office of Environmental Policy, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

#### Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Applications for Modification of Special Permit

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** List of Applications for Modification of Special Permits.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, special permits from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Material Regulations (49 CFR part 107, subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the applications described herein. This notice is abbreviated to expedite docketing and public notice. Because the sections affected, modes of transportation, and the nature of application have been shown in earlier **Federal Register** publications, they are not repeated here. Requests for modification of special permits (*e.g.* to provide for additional hazardous materials, packaging design changes, additional mode of transportation, *etc.*) are described in footnotes to the application number. Application numbers with the suffix "M" denote a modification request. These applications have been separated from the new application for special permits to facilitate processing.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before February 11, 2010.

*Address Comments to:* Record Center, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials, Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of

comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the special permit number.

*For Further Information:* Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Records Center, East Building, PHH-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue,

Southeast, Washington, DC or at <http://regulations.gov>.

This notice of receipt of applications for modification of special permit is published in accordance with part 107 of the Federal hazardous materials

transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5117(b); 49 CFR 1.53(b)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 12, 2010.

**Delmer F. Billings,**

*Director, Office of Hazardous Materials, Special Permits and Approvals.*

#### MODIFICATION SPECIAL PERMITS

Application & Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of special permit thereof
13424-M .....	Taminco Higher Amines, Inc., St. Gabriel, LA.	49 CFR 177.834 (i)(3) .....	To modify the special permit to authorize additional Class 3; 8 and Division 2.1; 5.1; 6.1 hazardous materials.
13598-M .....	Jadoo Power Systems, Inc., Folsom, CA.	49 CFR 173.301(a)(1), (d) and (f).	To modify the special permit to authorize DOT approved 100% ultrasonic examination method of DOT-Specification 3AL cylinders every five years in lieu of internal vision inspection and hydrostatic testing and remove the "No periodic retest is required" in paragraph 7b.
14741-M .....	Weatherford International, Fort Worth, TX.	49 CFR 173.304 .....	To modify the special permit to authorize rail freight as an additional mode of transportation.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

##### Federal Aviation Administration

##### Public Meeting on Future Policy and Rulemaking for Normal, Utility, Acrobatic, and Commuter Category Small Airplanes

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting to discuss a review of the requirements for small airplanes. This discussion focuses on the future of small airplane regulation; however, we are asking for feedback concerning maintenance and operations, and not just certification.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held February 23 and 24 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Marriott, 9100 Corporate Hills Drive, Wichita, Kansas 67207.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Lowell Foster, Regulations and Policy, ACE-111, Federal Aviation Administration, 901 Locust St., Kansas City, MO 64106; telephone: (816) 329-4125; facsimile (816) 329-4090; e-mail: [lowell.foster@faa.gov](mailto:lowell.foster@faa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given of a public meeting to initiate the review of 14 CFR part 23 regulations. The last thorough review of part 23 requirements occurred more than 25 years ago. Due to this long interval, this regulatory review goes

beyond the traditional regulatory reviews.

We are attempting to determine the adequacy of the current airworthiness standards throughout a small airplane's service life while anticipating future requirements. We encourage the public's participation and feedback in developing or amending new and existing policy, guidance, and rulemaking. These efforts will affect the next 20 years of small airplane design, certification, and operations. Specifically, we would like feedback from manufacturers, pilots, owners, mechanics, instructors and anyone else with an interest in the small airplane industry.

The FAA's Small Airplane Directorate plans to host at least three, two-day meetings, depending on public interest. There may be a meeting in the southeast and southwest regions of the United States. The meetings will not follow a fixed agenda, but the discussions will generally follow the findings from a recent two-year study. That study, the "Part 23 Small Airplane Certification Process Study," addressed the following areas:

- Structure and Process of Part 23
- Design Certification
- Continued Airworthiness
- Data Management
- Pilot Interface

The report is available on-line at: [http://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/headquarters\\_offices/avs/offices/air/directorates/field/small\\_airplanes/](http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/avs/offices/air/directorates/field/small_airplanes/).

Included in the study are recommendations associated with certification, maintenance, modifications, and pilot training. Also included in the report is the recommendation to revise part 23 such

that requirements are based on airplane performance and complexity. Since the beginning, small airplane certification requirements have been based on propulsion and weight. Many previous assumptions for small airplanes are no longer accurate. This is discussed in detail in the Certification Process Report.

The FAA plans to open each meeting with a detailed presentation from the Certification Process Study findings followed by opening the floor for discussions. There will be an official recorder participating at each meeting. The meeting minutes, as well as any comments, feedback, recommendations or action items will become public record.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. Since seating is limited, we ask anyone interested in attending to notify Lowell Foster at the phone or e-mail address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri on January 20, 2010.

**James E. Jackson,**

*Acting Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

##### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

##### Sunshine Act Meetings; Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.