

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

### Agendas of the Meetings

**Subcommittee on Waterways.** The tentative agenda includes the following:

(1) Presentation by each work group of its accomplishments and plans for the future, including aids to navigation knockdown discrepancies, Galveston anchorages update, and the potential blockage of the Clear Lake Entrance Channel.

(2) Review and discuss the work completed by each work group.

**Subcommittee on Navigation.** The tentative agenda includes the following:

(1) Presentation by each work group of its accomplishments and plans for the future, including ACOE dredging projects, current meters, National Weather Service and Baytown Tunnel removal.

(2) Review and discuss the work completed by each work group.

### Procedural

All meetings are open to the public. Members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings.

### Information on Service for the Handicapped

For information on facilities or services for the handicapped or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: March 11, 1998.

**T.W. Josiah,**

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[USCG-1998-3605]

### Towing Safety Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) and its working groups will meet to discuss various issues relating to shallow-draft inland and coastal waterway navigation and towing safety. Both meetings will be open to the public.

**DATES:** TSAC will meet on Wednesday, April 8, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. The working groups will meet on Tuesday, April 7, 1998, from 9 a.m. to

3 p.m. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before March 20, 1998. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee should reach the Coast Guard on or before March 20, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Both meetings will be held at the Channel Inn Hotel, 650 Water Street SW., Washington, DC. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Lieutenant Lionel Mew, Commandant (G-MSO-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For questions on this notice, contact Lionel Mew, Assistant Executive Director of TSAC, telephone 202-267-0218, fax 202-267-4570. For questions on this docket, contact Carol Kelly, Coast Guard Dockets Team Leader, or Paulette Twine, Chief, Documentary Services Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, 202-366-9329.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

### Agenda of Meeting

*Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC).* The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Introduction.
- (2) Progress report from the working group on Voyage Planning.
- (3) Progress report from the working group on the Tank Barge Streamlined Inspection Program.
- (4) Briefing on Work Vest Snag Hazard Concerns.
- (5) Status report on the Towing Vessel Safety Rule.

### Procedural

Both meetings are open to the public. At the Chairs' discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. If you would like to make an oral presentation at a meeting, please notify the Assistant Executive Director no later than March 20, 1998. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than March 20, 1998. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee in advance of a meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than March 20, 1998.

### Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Assistant Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: March 18, 1998.

**Joseph S. Angelo,**

*Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

### Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting on Transport Airplane and Engine Issues

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public meeting of the FAA's Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) to discuss transport airplane and engine issues.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on April 9, 1998 from 8:00 a.m. Arrange for oral presentations by April 2, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Room 3200, Washington, DC 20590. Enter the building through the SW lobby located at Seventh and E Streets, SW.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jackie Smith, Office of Rulemaking, FAA, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-9692.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. II), notice is given of a meeting of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to be held April 9, 1998 at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Room 3200, Washington, DC.

The agenda for the meeting will include:

### Thursday, April 9, 1998

- Opening Remarks.
- Structures Harmonization Working Group Vote.
- Review and Accept Ice Protection Working Plan.
- Review Status of Approval for New Terms of Reference.
- Review Future Meeting Schedule and Set Next Meeting.

Attendance is open to the interested public, but will be limited to the space available. The public must make arrangements by April 2, 1998 to present oral statements at the meeting. The public may present written statements to the committee at any time by providing 25 copies to the Assistant Executive Director for Transport Airplane and Engine Issues or by providing copies at the meeting. In addition, sign and oral interpretation can be made available at the meeting, as well as listening devices, if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting.

The Structures Harmonization Working Group is requesting a vote to accept a draft notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM), regulatory evaluation, and advisory circular concerning Revised Material Strength Properties and Design Values for Transport Airplanes. Also, the Ice Protection Harmonization Working Group is requesting a vote to accept a Statement of Work to develop and recommend appropriate changes to the Federal Aviation Regulations, Joint Aviation Authorities Regulations, and any associated advisory material related to ice protection features in transport category airplanes.

Arrangements may be made to present statements, request sign, oral interpretation, or listening devices, and request copies of the documents to be voted upon by contacting the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 18, 1998.

**Jean Casciano,**

*Acting Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT

[Docket No. RSPA-97-3224; Notice 12]

#### Pipeline Safety: Shell Pipe Line Corporation Approved for Pipeline Risk Management Demonstration Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Pipeline Safety, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of risk demonstration project approval and finding of no significant impact.

**SUMMARY:** The Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) has issued a Risk Management Demonstration Project Order authorizing Shell Pipe Line Corporation

(SPLC) to participate in the Pipeline Risk Management Demonstration Program. OPS has also made a finding that SPLC's demonstration project will have no significant impacts on the environment.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this or any other demonstration project will be accepted in the Docket throughout the 4-year demonstration period. Comments should be sent to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001, or you can E-Mail your comments to [ops.comments@rspa.dot.gov](mailto:ops.comments@rspa.dot.gov). Comments should identify the docket number RSPA-97-3224. Persons should submit the original comment document and one (1) copy. Persons wishing to receive confirmation of receipt of their comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard. The Dockets Facility is located on the plaza level of the Nassif Building in Room 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC. The Dockets Facility is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth Callsen, OPS, (202) 366-4572, regarding the subject matter of this document. Contact the Dockets Unit, (202) 366-5046, for docket material.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Project Authorization

On March 18, 1998, OPS, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 60126, issued SPLC a Risk Management Demonstration Project Order authorizing SPLC to conduct a risk management project on two segments of the SPLC-operated pipeline system. OPS has determined, after a comprehensive review of SPLC's demonstration project, that the project is expected to provide superior safety.

More detailed descriptions of all aspects of the SPLC demonstration project, including the OPS rationale for approving the project, are available in the following documents:

(1) 62 FR 67932, "Pipeline Safety: Intent To Approve Shell Pipe Line Corporation for the Pipeline Risk Management Demonstration Program", December 30, 1997.

(2) "Demonstration Project Prospectus: Shell Pipe Line Corporation", available by contacting Elizabeth M. Callsen at 202-366-4572. Includes maps of the demonstration segments.

(3) "Shell Pipe Line Corporation—Application for DOT-OPS Risk Management Demonstration Program", available in Docket No. RSPA-97-3224 at the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Plaza 401, 400

Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001, (202) 366-5046.

(4) 63 FR 7500, "Pipeline Safety: Environmental Assessment for Risk Management Demonstration Project—Shell Pipe Line Corporation", February 13, 1998.

(5) "OPS Project Review Team Evaluation of Shell Demonstration Project".

(6) "Risk Management Demonstration Project Order" for Shell Pipe Line Corporation, March 18, 1998.

These documents and other information pertaining to the SPLC project are accessible to the public via the Pipeline Risk Management Information System (PRIMIS), at <http://www.cycla.com/opsdemo>.

#### Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

OPS has reviewed SPLC's project for conformity with section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332), the Council on Environmental Quality implementing regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), and Department of Transportation Order 5610.1c, Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts. OPS conducted an Environmental Assessment of SPLC's project (63 FR 7500, "Pipeline Safety: Environmental Assessment for Risk Management Demonstration Project—Shell Pipe Line Corporation," February 13, 1998).

OPS received no public comment on the Environmental Assessment.

Based on the analysis and conclusions reached in the Environmental Assessment and the analyses conducted in the above-listed documents, OPS has found that there are no significant impacts on the environment associated with this action. The Environmental Assessment and the other above-listed documents are incorporated by reference into this FONSI. To summarize, the reasons that the project will not have a significant effect on the human environment are:

(1) The portfolio of activities SPLC will undertake to prevent pipeline releases from the demonstration segments provide superior protection by appropriately addressing the greatest risks. The company will conduct state-of-the-art inspections to decide if there is past, unknown third party damage, while simultaneously carrying out an aggressive damage prevention program to prevent future damage. Also included are community involvement activities which include spill modeling and emergency response drills.

(2) The commodities transported by the two