

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁹

Margared H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Economic Injury Disaster #9K67]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts (And Contiguous Counties in Connecticut, New York and Vermont)

Berkshire County and the contiguous counties of Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Litchfield in Connecticut; Columbia and Rensselaer in New York; and Bennington in Vermont constitute an economic injury disaster loan area as a result of a fire that occurred on January 17, 2001 in the Town of Great Barrington. Eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere may file applications for economic injury assistance as a result of this disaster until the close of business on November 2, 2001 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 1 Office, 360 Rainbow Blvd, South 3rd Floor, Niagara Falls, NY 14303.

The interest rate for eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives is 4 percent. The numbers assigned for economic injury for this disaster are 9K6700 for Massachusetts; 9K6800 for Connecticut; 9K6900 for New York; and 9K7000 for Vermont.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 59002)

Date: February 2, 2001.

Kristine Marcy,

Acting Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3317; Amendment #3]

State of Texas

In accordance with a notice received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, dated January 19, 2001, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to include Lamar County as a disaster area due to

damages caused by a severe winter ice storm beginning on December 12, 2000 and continuing through January 15, 2001.

Any counties contiguous to the above named primary county and not listed herein have been previously declared.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is March 9, 2001 and for economic injury the deadline is October 9, 2001.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: January 30, 2001.

Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3317; Amendment #4]

State of Texas

In accordance with a notice received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, dated January 30, 2001, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to include Titus County as a disaster area due to damages caused by a severe winter ice storm beginning on December 12, 2000 and continuing through January 15, 2001.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in Camp County, Texas may be filed until the specified date at the previously designated location.

Any counties contiguous to the above named primary county and not listed herein have been previously declared.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is March 9, 2001 and for economic injury the deadline is October 9, 2001.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: February 1, 2001.

Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Region IV District Advisory Council Meeting; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration, Georgia District Office

Advisory Council, will hold a public meeting on Friday, March 9, 2001 at 9 a.m., at the Columbus Hilton, 800 Front Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31901; to discuss matters as may be presented by members, staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or others present.

For further information write or call Mr. Charles E. Anderson, District Director, U.S. Small Business Administration, 233 Peachtree Street, NE, Suite 1900, Atlanta, Georgia 30303; telephone (404) 331-0266.

Nancyellen Gentile,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-2001-8662]

National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP)

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Request for comments on PREP triennial exercise schedule for 2001, 2002, and 2003.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) and the Minerals Management Service (MMS), in concert with the states, the oil industry and concerned citizens, developed the Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP). This notice announces the PREP triennial cycle, 2001-2003, and requests comments from the public and maximum industry and government participation in the listed exercises.

DATES: Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before April 10, 2001.

ADDRESSES: To make sure your comments and related material are not entered twice in the docket, please submit them by only one of the following methods:

(1) By mail to the Docket Management Facility, (USCG-2001-8662), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(2) By hand to room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

(3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

(4) Electronically through the Web Site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. Comments and documents, as indicated in this notice, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401 on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the same address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may electronically access the public docket for this notice on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this notice and general information regarding the PREP program and the schedule, contact Mr. Robert Pond, Office of Response, Plans and Preparedness Division (G-MOR-2), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 2nd St. SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, telephone 202-267-6603, fax 202-267-4065 or e-mail rpond@comdt.uscg.mil. For questions on viewing, or submitting material to the docket, contact Ms. Dorothy Beard, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-9329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PREP Area exercise schedule and exercise design manuals are available on the Internet at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/gmhome.htm> (see index, then oil response). To obtain a hard copy of the exercise design manual, contact Ms. Melanie Barber at the Research and Special Programs Administration, Office of Pipeline Safety, at 202-366-4560. The 1994 PREP Guidelines can be found on the following web site: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/nmc/response/#PREP>. Hard copies of the PREP Guidelines are available at no cost by writing or faxing the TASC Warehouse,

3341 Q 75th Avenue, Landover, MD 20785, fax: 301-386-5394. The stock number of the manual is USCG-X0191. Please indicate the quantity when ordering. Quantities are limited to 10 per order.

On August 29, 2000, a PREP workshop was held at the Department of Transportation Nassif Building. The workshop was used as a public forum to discuss the vitality of the PREP program. Participants, as well as all concerned individuals, were encouraged to submit comments in writing to the docket. The National Scheduling Coordinating Committee (NSCC) is in the process of developing responses to all comments submitted. These responses will be published in a future **Federal Register** notice.

Request for Comments

We encourage you to participate by submitting comments and related material. If you do so, please include your name and address, identify the docket number [USCG-2001-8662], indicate the specific section of the document to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. You may submit your comments and materials by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know they reached the facility, please enclose a stamped, self addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

Background and Purpose

The Coast Guard, EPA, RSPA, and MMS developed the National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP) to provide guidelines for compliance with the pollution

response exercise requirements (33 U.S.C. 1321(j)). The guiding principles for PREP distinguish between internal and external exercises. Internal exercises are conducted within the plan holder's organization. External exercises extend beyond the plan holder's organization to involve other members of the response community. External exercises are separated into two categories: (1) Area exercises, designed to evaluate the entire response mechanism in a given area, and (2) Government-initiated unannounced exercises, to ensure adequate pollution response preparedness of an individual plan holder.

Since 1994, the USCG, EPA, RSPA, and MMS have published a triennial schedule of Area exercises. In short, the Area exercises involve the entire response community (Federal, State, local, and industry participants) and therefore, require more extensive planning than other oil spill response exercises. The PREP guidelines describe all of these exercises in more detail. This notice announces the next triennial schedule of Area exercises.

Not all industry leads have been identified at this time. Industry plan holders are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to exercise with the entire response community and to coordinate their regularly scheduled spill management team and equipment deployment exercises with the Area Committees.

Companies interested in participating in an Area exercise may call either the Coast Guard office or the EPA On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) where the exercise is scheduled. Alternatively, the companies interested in participating in an exercise, where the Coast Guard is the OSC, may call Mr. Pond at 202-267-6603, and he will facilitate scheduling.

The following is the PREP schedule for calendar Years 2001, 2002, and 2003.

PREP SCHEDULE—GOVERNMENT-LED AREA EXERCISES

| Area | Agency | Plan holder | Date/qtr ¹ |
|--|--------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Calendar Year 2001 | | | |
| Saulte St. Marie (MSO Saulte St. Marie) | CG | ..... | 30 Apr-02 May. |
| NY, NY (Act NY) | CG | ..... | 04 Jun-08 Jun. |
| SW LA/SE TX (MSO Morgan City, MSO Port Arthur) | CG | SONS Phase I | Sep. |
| EPA Region I | EPA | ..... | To Be Determined. |
| Chicago Area (MSO Chicago) | CG | ..... | 24 Sep-28 Sep. |
| Maryland Coastal (Act Baltimore) | CG | ..... | 10 Dec-14 Dec. |
| Calendar Year 2002 | | | |
| South FL (MSO Miami) | CG | ..... | 25 Feb-01 Mar. |
| SW LA/SE TX (MSO Morgan City, MSO Port Arthur) | CG | SONS Phase II | Spring 2002. |
| Boston (MSO Boston) | CG | ..... | 17 Jun-21 Jun. |
| Hawaii/Samoa (MSO Honolulu) | CG | ..... | 22 Jul-26 Jul. |
| Central CA Coast (MSO San Francisco) | CG | ..... | 16 Sep-20 Sep. |

PREP SCHEDULE—GOVERNMENT-LED AREA EXERCISES—Continued

| Area | Agency | Plan holder | Date/qtr ¹ |
|----------------------|--------|-------------|-----------------------|
| EPA Region VII | EPA | | To Be Determined. |

Calendar Year 2003

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|---------------------------------------|-----|-------|---|
| Marianna Islands (MSO Guam) | CG | | 1 |
| EPA Region II | EPA | | 1 |
| Philadelphia (MSO Philadelphia) | CG | | 2 |
| SE Alaska (MSO Juneau) | CG | ..... | 3 |
| Savannah (MSO Savannah) | CG | ..... | 4 |
| Florida Panhandle (MSO Mobile) | CG | | 4 |

PREP SCHEDULE—INDUSTRY-LED EXERCISES

| Area | Plan holder ² | Date ¹ |
|------|--------------------------|-------------------|
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Calendar Year 2001

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|--|------------------|---|
| Guam (MSO Guam) | v | 1 |
| Charleston (MSO Charleston) | f (mtr) | 1 |
| Southern Coastal NC (MSO Wilmington) | v | 1 |
| EPA Region VII | f (nonmtr) | 2 |
| Long Island Sound (MSO Long Island Sound) | f | 2 |
| EPA Region V | f | 2 |
| San Francisco Bay (MSO San Francisco) | f (mtr) | 3 |
| Duluth-Superior (MSO Duluth) | f | 3 |
| South TX Coastal Zone (MSO Corpus Christi) | v | 3 |
| Prince William Sound (MSO Valdez) | p | 3 |
| LA/LB (MSO LA/LB) | v | 4 |
| San Diego (MSO San Diego) | f | 4 |

Calendar Year 2002

| | | |
|---|------------------|---|
| Tampa (MSO Tampa) | v | 1 |
| Northwest (MSO Puget Sound) | v | 1 |
| South LA/LB (MSO LA/LB) | f (mtr) | 1 |
| EPA Oceania | f (nonmtr) | 1 |
| EPA Region II | p | 2 |
| Eastern Wisconsin (MSO Milwaukee) | v | 2 |
| Eastern Great Lakes (MSO Buffalo) | f (mtr) | 3 |
| Maine/New Hampshire (MSO Portland) | v | 3 |
| Providence (MSO Providence) | v | 3 |
| EPA Region VI | f (nonmtr) | 4 |
| Virginia Coastal (MSO Hampton Roads) | f (mtr) | 4 |
| Houston/Galveston (MSO Houston/Galveston) | p | 4 |
| Alabama/Mississippi (MSO Mobile) | f | 4 |

Calendar Year 2003

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|--|------------------|---|
| EPA Region IX | p | 1 |
| North Coast Area (MSO San Francisco) | f (mtr) | 1 |
| New Orleans (MSO New Orleans) | p | 2 |
| W Lake Erie (MSO Toledo) | f (nonmtr) | 2 |
| EPA Region IV | f (nonmtr) | 2 |
| Northwest Area (MSO Portland) | v | 3 |
| Cleveland (MSO Cleveland) | f (mtr) | 3 |
| Detroit (MSO Detroit) | v | 3 |
| Caribbean Area (MSO San Juan) | v | 4 |
| EPA Region III | f (nonmtr) | 4 |
| Jacksonville (MSO Jacksonville) | v | 4 |

¹ Quarters: 1 (Jan–Mar); 2 (Apr–Jun); 3 (Jul–Sep); 4 (Oct–Dec). Note also exercise areas and dates are fixed. For 2001 and 2002 Government led area exercises are fixed, the actual quarter in which a listed area will be exercised is subject to projections in each of those areas as the exercise year approaches.

² Industry: v-Vessel; f (mtr)-marine transportation-related facility; f (nonmtr)-marine non-transportation related facility; p-pipeline.

Dated: January 31, 2001.

Howard L. Hime,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2001-8872]

Reciprocal Acceptance of Repair Design Approvals Between the Federal Aviation Administration and Transport Canada Civil Aviation

AGENCY: Federal Aviation
Administration, (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of policy, request for
comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an FAA general statement of policy applicable to the acceptability of repair design data approved by Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA) in accordance with the provisions of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreed to by TCCA and the FAA on May 6, 1998. The MOU was signed pursuant to the Schedule of Implementation Procedures of the August 31, 1984 U.S./Canada Bilateral Airworthiness Agreement. This document advises the public that certain Canadian repair design approvals for U.S. and Canadian products are considered to be technical data approved by the Administrator. Such data therefore may be used for the purpose of performing a repair on a U.S.-registered aircraft or on an aeronautical product intended for installation on a U.S.-registered aircraft.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 12, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Address your comments to the Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You must identify the docket number FAA-2000- at the beginning of your comments, and you should submit two copies of your comments. If you wish to receive confirmation that FAA received your comments, include a self-addressed, stamped postcard.

You may also submit comments through the Internet to <http://dms.dot.gov>. You may review the public docket containing comments to this notice of policy in person in the Dockets Office between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Dockets Office is on the plaza level of the NASSIF Building at the Department of Transportation at the

above address. Also, you may review public dockets on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Victor Powell, Certification Procedure Branch, AIR-110, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, Telephone: (202) 267-9580, fax (202) 267-5340, e-mail victor.powell@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments, data, views, or arguments regarding this policy. Comments should identify the regulatory docket or notice number and should be submitted in triplicate to the Rules Docket address specified above.

All comments received and a report summarizing any substantive public contact with FAA personnel on this policy will be filed in the docket. The docket is available for public inspection both before and after the closing date for receiving comments. The Administrator will consider comments made on this policy on or before the closing date for comments, and the policy may be changed in light of the comments received.

The FAA will acknowledge receipt of comments if commenters include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with the comments. The postcards should be marked "Comments to Docket No. FAA-2000- . ." When the comments are received by the FAA, the postcards will be dated, time stamped, and returned to the commenters.

Availability of Documents

You can get an electronic copy of the current bilateral agreement between the United States and Canada using the Internet through FAA's web page at <http://www.faa.gov/avr/air/air4/Baalst.htm>.

You can get a copy of the May 6, 1998 MOU for the Design Approval of Aeronautical Product Repairs by submitting a request to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Background

On May 6, 1998 representatives of the FAA and TCCA signed an MOU which set forth procedures for implementing the "design approval of repairs" provisions of the BAA between the United States and Canada signed on August 31, 1984. The MOU was signed pursuant to Chapter 4, Maintenance Alteration or Modification of Aeronautical Products, and Chapter 7,

Special Arrangements of the BAA Schedule of Implementation Procedures. The FAA and TCCA signed the MOU for the purpose of avoiding duplication of design approvals by giving maximum permissible credit for repair design approvals made by each authority.

In the MOU the FAA and TCCA agree to cooperate in accepting each other's design approval of repairs. The authorities also agree that certain data generated in the design approval of repairs and found to comply with the regulations of both authorities is approved by both, without any other required actions. The MOU continues to remain in force under the provisions of the Bilateral Aviation Safety Agreement signed between the United States and Canada on June 12, 2000.

Statement of Policy

U.S. Acceptance of Canadian Repair Design Data

As specified in this statement of policy, certain Canadian repair design approvals are considered to be technical data approved by the Administrator for the purpose of performing a repair on a U.S.-registered aircraft or on an aeronautical product intended for installation on a U.S.-registered aircraft.

For U.S. State of Design products, repair design approvals issued directly by TCCA are considered technical data approved by the Administrator. Repair design approvals issued solely by a TCCA delegate for U.S. State of Design products are not considered technical data approved by the Administrator. TCCA delegate approvals for U.S. State of Design products must have the specific approval of the authority or direct FAA or FAA designee approval before being considered to be technical data approved by the Administrator.

Repair design approvals issued by either the TCCA or an appropriately authorized TCCA delegate for Canadian State of Design products are considered to be technical data approved by the Administrator. TCCA or TCCA delegate repair design approvals are not considered technical data approved by the Administrator for products where the United States or Canada is not the State of Design (a "third country" product). Direct FAA or FAA designee review and approval is required for repair design data for "third country" products.

For repairs to engines and propellers the State of Design of the engine or propeller, not the State of Design of the aircraft that the engine or propeller is installed on, determines whether Canadian repair design data is