

Specifically, governments have asked the IJC to:

- Define the general framework under which watershed boards would operate, which includes the definition of the scope of activities of the watershed boards and the definition of the operating principles of such boards;
- Recommend the location of the first watershed board;
- Recommend the structure, composition and terms of reference of the first international watershed board, including the priority issues that it would address;
- Develop cost projections and possible sources of funding, including innovative funding mechanisms, for the formation and operation of the first international watershed board and for special studies that would be projected for its first few years of operation;
- Consult provinces, states and both federal governments on the identification of locations and the development, planning and establishment of additional international watershed boards at appropriate times.

The International Joint Commission is a binational Canada-U.S. organization established by the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909. It assists the governments in managing waters along the border for the benefit of both countries in a variety of ways including examining issues referred to it by the two federal governments.

The IJC will undertake broad consultations with all interested parties as part of its examination of the watershed approach. The IJC would invite all interested parties to notify the Commission of their interest in this matter at either one of the following addresses:

International Joint Commission, United States Section, 1250 23rd Street, NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20440, Telephone: (202) 736-9000, Fax: (202) 736-9015, Email: commission@washington.ijc.org

International Joint Commission, Canadian Section, 100 Metcalfe Street, 18th Floor, Ottawa, ON K1P 5M1, Telephone: (613) 995-2984, Fax: (613) 993-5583, commission@ottawa.ijc.org

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Gerald E. Galloway,

Secretary, United States Section.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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International Joint Commission, Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909

An Invitation to Comment on the 1998 Progress Report of the Air Quality Committee under the Canada-United States Air Quality Agreement.

The International Joint Commission invites public comment on progress by the United States and Canada in reducing transboundary air pollution under the 1991 Agreement on Air Quality. The Commission will provide a synthesis of the comments to the two governments and the public as directed by the Agreement.

The Governments of the United States and Canada signed an Agreement on Air Quality on March 13, 1991. The purpose of the Agreement was to establish a practical and effective instrument to address shared concerns on transboundary air pollution. The 1998 Progress Report reviews acid rain control programs, monitoring, prevention of air quality deterioration and visibility protection, notification of significant transboundary air pollution, cooperation on ground-level ozone and particulate matter, and scientific and technical cooperation.

Under the terms of the Agreement, the Governments established a bilateral Air Quality Committee. This Committee is responsible for reviewing progress made in the implementation of the Agreement, preparing and submitting periodic progress reports to the Governments, referring each progress report to the International Joint Commission, and releasing those reports to the public. The 1998 Progress Report of the Committee is now available and may be obtained from:

Acid Rain Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code: 6204J, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, Acid Rain Hotline: (202) 564-9620.

Environment Canada, Inquiry Centre, 351 St. Joseph Blvd., Hull, Quebec, K1A 0H3, (819) 997-2800.

The full report is also available at the following sites on the World Wide Web: <http://www.epa.gov/acidrain/lawsregs/airus.pdf> <http://www.ec.gc.ca/special/airqual.html>

Under the Agreement, the Governments assigned the International Joint Commission the responsibility of inviting comments on each progress report of the Air Quality Committee. The International Joint Commission invites comment on any aspect of the 1998 Progress Report. Please send

comments in writing by February 26, 1999, to either address below, or contact us if you have any questions about the comment process.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Proposed Advisory Circular 25-XX, Certification of Transport Airplane Mechanical Systems

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed Advisory Circular (AC) 25-XX and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of and requests comments on a proposed advisory circular (AC) which provides methods acceptable to the Administrator for showing compliance with the provisions of subparts D and F of 14 CFR part 25 regarding the type certification requirements for transport airplane mechanical systems. This notice is necessary to give all interested persons an opportunity to present their views on the proposed AC.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 12, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on proposed AC to: Federal Aviation Administration, Attention: Mahinder Wahi, Propulsion/Mechanical Systems/Crashworthiness/Noise Branch, ANM-112, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, 1601 Lind Avenue SW, Renton, WA 98055-4056. Comments may be inspected at the above address between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. weekdays, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Toni Jackson, Transport Standards Staff, at the address above, telephone (425) 227-2112.