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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### 10 CFR Part 31

#### Public Meeting on Implementation Issues Related to the Proposed Rule on Generally Licensed Devices

**AGENCY:** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will conduct a public meeting to discuss issues related to the control and accountability of generally licensed devices. This will include discussion of implementation issues related to the proposed rule (64 FR 40295; July 26, 1999), which would establish additional requirements for general licensees under 10 CFR 31.5, and for vendors of devices used by these licensees.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on October 1, 1999, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Written comments on the proposed rule should be submitted by October 12, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at NRC Headquarters, Two White Flint North Auditorium, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Written comments on the proposed rule may be submitted to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington D.C. 20555-0001, Attn: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Francis X. Cameron (301) 415-1642, or Susanne Woods (301) 415-7267, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington D.C. 20555.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NRC is in the process of developing additional requirements for users and distributors of radioactive material in certain generally licensed measuring, gauging, and controlling devices. The planned amendments would establish a registration program, and are intended to provide greater assurance that users of these devices will properly handle

and dispose of them, thus reducing the potential for unnecessary radiation exposure to the public, or contamination of property. A copy of the proposed rule is available at <http://ruleforum.llnl.gov/cgi-bin/rulemake> under the title "Proposed Rulemaking—Requirements for Certain Generally Licensed Industrial Devices Containing Byproduct Material."

The objective of the public meeting on October 1 is to gather information on implementation issues related to the proposed rule on generally licensed devices. In this facilitated meeting, the NRC proposed rule will be described, and a series of implementation issues will be initially addressed by a panel of device vendors. The panel will be comprised of representatives of various vendor categories, reflecting a broad spectrum of interests. After a facilitated discussion by the vendor panel on an agenda item, the facilitator will open the discussion of that issue to the audience. It is expected that the audience will include people with interests which may be affected by the rule; for example: users of devices, other industries, Agreement States, citizen groups, and the public. The panel of vendors will be used to focus the discussion on a particular agenda item as a foundation for further discussion by the audience. The meeting commentary will be transcribed and made available to meeting participants and the public.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of August 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 98-NM-335-AD]

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#### Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC-8-101, -102, -103, -106, -201, -202, -301, -311, and -315 Series Airplanes

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This document proposes the adoption of a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to all Bombardier Model DHC-8-101, -102, -103, -106, -201, -202, -301, -311, and -315 series airplanes. This proposal would require repetitive detailed visual inspections and high frequency eddy current inspections to detect cracking of the wing upper skin and ladder plates at over wing access panels between certain stations; and repair, if necessary. This proposal is prompted by issuance of mandatory continuing airworthiness information by a foreign civil airworthiness authority. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to detect and correct fatigue cracking of the wing ladder plates, which, if not corrected, could reduce the structural integrity of the wing.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by October 4, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 98-NM-335-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from Bombardier, Inc., Bombardier Regional Aircraft Division, Garratt Boulevard, Downsview, Ontario M3K 1Y5, Canada. This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the FAA, Engine and Propeller Directorate, New