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**Janice L. Peters,**

*FAA Special Assistant, RTCA Advisory Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### RTCA Special Committee 198: Next-Generation Air/Ground Communications System (NEXCOM)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of RTCA Special Committee 198 meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 198: Next-Generation Air/Ground Communications System (NEXCOM).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on March 20, 2002, starting at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at RTCA, 1828 L Street, Suite 805, Washington, DC, 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW, Suite 805, Washington, DC, 20036; telephone (202) 8339339; fax (202) 8339434; web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee 198 meeting. The agenda will include:

- March 20:
  - Opening Plenary Session (Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Review Minutes of Previous Meeting)
  - Program Management Committee Actions: SC-198 Working Group 3 Document
  - Status of Working Group 4, VHF Data Link (VDL) 3 Implementation
  - Status of Working Group 5, OHA/Safety and Performance Requirements (SPR) for Next-Generation Air/Ground Communications System

(NEXCOM) VDL-3

- Status of Working Group 6, Interoperability of NEXCOM
- Closing Plenary Session (Date and Place of Next Meeting)
- March 21, 22:
  - Working Groups 4, 5 and 6

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Intelligent Transportation Society of America; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS AMERICA) will hold a meeting of its Coordinating Council on Tuesday, March 19, 2002, at its headquarters. The meeting runs from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The General Session includes the following items: (1) Housekeeping Items: Welcome, Introductions, Antitrust statement; (2) Minutes—approval of minutes from meeting #41 (10/24/01); (3) President's Report; (4) Coordinating Council Reorganization (D/A); and (5) Closing Housekeeping. ITS AMERICA provides a forum for national discussion and recommendations on ITS activities including programs, research needs, strategic planning, standards, international liaison, and priorities.

The charter for the utilization of ITS AMERICA establishes this organization as an advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) 5 U.S.C. app. 2, when it provides advice or recommendations to DOT officials on ITS policies and programs. (56 FR 9400, March 6, 1991).

**DATES:** The Coordinating Council of ITS AMERICA will meet on Tuesday, March 19, 2002 from 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Hilton Scottsdale Resort and Villas, 6333 North Scottsdale, Scottsdale, Arizona, 85250-5428. Phone (877) 768-9330.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Materials associated with this meeting may be examined at the offices of ITS AMERICA, 400 Virginia Avenue SW., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20024. Persons needing further information or who request to speak at this meeting should contact Debbie M. Busch at ITS AMERICA by telephone at (202) 484-2904 or by FAX at (202) 484-3483. The DOT contact is Kristy Frizzell, FHWA, HOIT, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-9536. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays.

(23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48)

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**Jeffrey Paniati,**

*Program Manager, ITS Joint Program Office, Department of Transportation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket RSPA-98-4957]

#### Request for Public Comments and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Approval of an Existing Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice seeks comments from the public regarding the need for RSPA to collect paperwork from gas service line operators to ensure that customers receiving gas pipeline service are aware of the availability of excess flow valves (EFV's). This notice is published (pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995) to measure the need for the paperwork collection on EFV's, ways to minimize the burden on operators who must respond, ways to enhance the quality of the information collected, and to verify the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (measured in work hours) on pipeline operators. By advising customers of the availability of excess flow valves, the notices give customers information to help them decide if they would like to purchase excess flow valves for their line.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by May 6, 2002 to ensure consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Please address your comments to the Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. You must identify the docket number RSPA-98-4957 at the beginning of your comments, and you should submit two copies of your comments. If you wish to receive confirmation that RSPA received your comments, include a self-addressed, stamped postcard. You may also submit comments by the Internet to <http://dms.dot.gov> Once on the DMS Web site scroll down the page and click on "Electronic Submission" and follow the instructions.

You may review the public docket containing comments in person in the Dockets Office between 9 a.m. and 5 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/search>. Once on the search page, type in the last four digits of the docket number shown at the beginning of this notice (in this case 4957) and click on "search."

Comments are invited on: (a) The need for the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marvin Fell, OPS, RSPA, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, telephone (202) 366-6205 or e-mail [marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov](mailto:marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title of Information Collection:* Excess Flow Valves, Customer Notification.

*OMB Number:* 2137-0593.

*Abstract:* 49 U.S.C. 60110 directed DOT to prescribe regulations requiring operators to notify customers in writing about EFV availability, the safety benefits derived from installation, and the costs associated with installation.

The regulations provide that, except where installation is already required, the operator will install an EFV that meets prescribed performance criteria at the customer's request, if the customer pays for the installation.

*Respondents:* Gas Distribution Pipeline Operators.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1590.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 20,000 hours.

As used in this notice, the terms 'paperwork information' and 'paperwork collection' are synonymous, and include all work related to preparing and disseminating information related to this customer notification requirement including completing paperwork, gathering information and conducting telephone calls.

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**Stacey L. Gerard,**

*Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket: RSPA-98-4957]

#### Request for Public Comments and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Approval of an Existing Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice seeks comments from the public regarding the need for RSPA to collect paperwork information from gas distribution service line operators to ensure that those operators who do not maintain all of their piping notify their customers that they must maintain the piping. This notice is published to measure the need for the proposed paperwork collection, ways to minimize the burden on operators who must respond, ways to enhance the quality of the information collected, and to verify the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (measured in work hours) on the regulated industry. By advising customers of the need to maintain their buried gas piping, the notices reduce the risk of accidents.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by May 6, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Please address your comments to the Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. You must identify the docket number RSPA-98-4957 at the beginning of your comments, and you should submit two copies of your comments. If you wish to receive confirmation that RSPA received your comments, include a self-addressed, stamped postcard. You may also submit comments by the Internet to <http://dms.dot.gov> Once on the DMS website scroll down the page and click on "Electronic Submission" and follow the instructions. You may review the public docket containing comments 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/search>. Once on the search page, type in the last four digits of the docket number shown at the beginning of this notice (in this case 4957) and click on "search."

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title of Information Collection:* Customer-Owned Service Lines, Customer Notification.

*Type of Request:* Existing information collection.

*Abstract:* RSPA regulation (49 CFR 192.16) requires operators of gas service lines who do not maintain buried customer piping up to building walls or certain other locations to notify their customers of the need to maintain that piping. Congress directed DOT to take