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**James M. Crotty,**

*Acting Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

#### Petition for Exemption

*Docket No.:* FAA-2015-0481.

*Petitioner:* Aviation Systems Engineering Company.

*Section(s) of 14 CFR Affected:* §§ 91.119(c) and 91.151(a)(1).

*Description of Relief Sought:* The petitioner is seeking relief to amend Exemption No. 11509 to operate within 500 feet from nonparticipating persons, as well as relief from the minimum fuel requirement.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. 2016-49]

#### Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; VT DRB Aviation Consultants

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, the FAA's exemption process. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

**DATES:** Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number and must be received on or before May 17, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments identified by docket number FAA-2015-8751 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M-30; U.S. Department of

Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Operations at 202-493-2251.

*Privacy:* In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy>.

*Docket:* Background documents or comments received may be read at <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket or go to the Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deana Stedman, ANM-113, Federal Aviation Administration, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98057-3356, email [deana.stedman@faa.gov](mailto:deana.stedman@faa.gov), phone (425) 227-2148.

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#### Petition for Exemption

*Docket No.:* FAA-2015-8751.

*Petitioner:* VT DRB Aviation Consultants.

*Section(s) of 14 CFR Affected:* § 25.817.

*Description of Relief Sought:* VT DRB Aviation Consultants petitions the FAA for an exemption from § 25.817 which allows no more than three seats abreast on each side of the aisle in any one row. Instead, the petitioner wishes to install four seats abreast on one side of the aisle with no seats on the opposite side, having less passenger egress impedance than in standard Boeing Model 777 passenger jet configurations.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee—New Task

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a new task assignment for the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA assigned the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) a new task to provide recommendations regarding bird strike protection rulemaking, policy, and guidance for normal category rotorcraft and to provide recommendations to enhance the existing bird strike protection standards for transport category rotorcraft. The FAA amended its regulations to incorporate bird strike protection rules for transport category rotorcraft in 1996. Data shows an increase in the bird population and weight has resulted in an increase in bird strikes with both normal category rotorcraft and transport category rotorcraft. The increase in bird strikes has led to more frequent bird penetration into the cockpit and cabin areas, elevating the risk of potential serious injuries or fatalities to occupants. Direct bird impact to the pilot has led to partial or complete pilot incapacitation in numerous cases, increasing the risk of fatalities.

This notice informs the public of the new ARAC activity and solicits membership for the Rotorcraft Bird Strike Working Group.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary B. Roach, Federal Aviation Administration, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177, [Gary.B.Roach@faa.gov](mailto:Gary.B.Roach@faa.gov), phone number 817-222-5110, facsimile number 817-222-5961.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### ARAC Acceptance of Task

As a result of the March 23, 2016, ARAC meeting, the FAA assigned and ARAC accepted this task establishing the Rotorcraft Bird Strike Working Group. The Rotorcraft Bird Strike Working Group will serve as staff to the ARAC and provide advice and recommendations on the assigned task. The ARAC will review and accept the recommendation report and will submit it to the FAA.

##### Background

The FAA established the ARAC to provide information, advice, and recommendations on aviation-related