

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 involved and must be received on or before September 24, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments identified by Docket Number FAA-2009-0772 using any of the following methods:

- *Government-wide rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.
- *Mail:* Send comments to the Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Fax:* Fax comments to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.
- *Hand Delivery:* Bring comments to the Docket Management Facility 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.

*Privacy:* We will post all comments we receive, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information you provide. Using the search function of our docket Web site, anyone can find and read the comments received into any of our dockets, including the name of the individual sending the comment (or signing the comment for an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78).

*Docket:* To read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to the Docket Management Facility 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:** John Linsenmeyer, Aircraft Certification Service—Production Certification Branch, AIR-220, Federal Aviation Administration, 950 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Room 514B Washington, DC 20024; telephone (202) 385-6364, facsimile (202) 267-5580; e-mail [john.linsenmeyer@faa.gov](mailto:john.linsenmeyer@faa.gov).

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**Pamela Hamilton-Powell,**  
*Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

#### Petition for Exemption

*Docket No.:* FAA-2009-0772.  
*Petitioner:* General Electric (GE) Aviation.  
*Section of 14 CFR Affected:* §§ 21.151 and 21.153.

*Description of Relief Sought:* General Electric seeks relief to enable it to apply for and FAA to approve an expanded production limitation record issued as part of a production certificate (PC) or amended PC to include parts of type-certificated products.

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### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#### Federal Highway Administration

#### Surface Transportation Environment and Planning Cooperative Research Program (STEP)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Section 5207 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) established the Surface Transportation Environment and Planning Cooperative Research Program (STEP). The FHWA anticipates that resources for STEP or a similar program to carry out national research on issues related to planning, environment, and realty are likely to be included in future surface transportation legislation even though SAFETEA-LU expires at the end of this fiscal year. Legislation preceding SAFETEA-LU—the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) and the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21)—provided resources for FHWA to carry out surface transportation research initiatives that included planning, environment, and realty research. SAFETEA-LU continued FHWA's research program funding and established STEP.

The purpose of this notice is to announce the proposed FY 2010 STEP implementation strategy in anticipation that the FHWA is likely to receive resources for national research on issues related to environment and planning as a part of future transportation legislation and to request suggested lines of research for FY 2010 via the STEP Web

site at: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/step/index.htm>. Stakeholder feedback from the STEP Web site provides useful research ideas and helps to prevent redundant areas of research, saving valuable research funds.

**DATES:** Suggestions for lines of research should be submitted to the STEP Web site on or before December 3, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Felicia Young, Office of Interstate and Border Planning, (202) 366-1263, [Felicia.young@dot.gov](mailto:Felicia.young@dot.gov); or Grace Reidy, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-6226; Federal Highway Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Electronic Access

An electronic copy of this notice may be downloaded from the Office of the Federal Register's home page at <http://www.archives.gov> and the Government Printing Office's Web site at <http://www.access.gpo.gov>.

##### Background

Section 5207 of SAFETEA-LU (Pub. L. 109-59, Aug. 10, 2005) established the Surface Transportation Environment and Planning Cooperative Research Program. STEP was codified in section 507 of Title 23, United States Code. The FHWA anticipates that the STEP or a similar program, to provide resources for national research on issues related to planning, environment, and realty, is likely to be included in future surface transportation legislation. The general objective of STEP is to improve understanding of the complex relationship between surface transportation, planning, and the environment.

SAFETEA-LU provided \$16.875 million per year for fiscal years 2006—2009 to implement this cooperative research program. Due to obligation limitations, rescissions, and Congressional designation of Title V Research in SAFETEA-LU, on average \$13 million of the \$16.875 million authorized was available each fiscal year. We anticipate similar funding levels in the next authorization or related legislation to extend SAFETEA-LU.

STEP is the primary source of funds for FHWA to conduct research and develop tools and technologies to advance the state of the practice regarding national surface transportation and environmental decisionmaking. In FY 2010, the FHWA expects to seek partnerships that can

leverage limited research funding in STEP with other stakeholders and partners in order to increase the total amount of resources available to address the nation's surface transportation research needs.

In FY 2010, the FHWA anticipates that it is likely to receive funds for STEP or other research funding to:

(1) Conduct research to develop climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies;

(2) Improve state of the practice regarding livability and the impact of transportation on the environment;

(3) Develop and/or support the implementation of models and tools for evaluating transportation measures and develop indicators of economic, social, and environmental performance of transportation systems;

(4) Develop and deploy research to address congestion reduction efforts;

(5) Develop transportation safety planning strategies for surface transportation systems and improvements;

(6) Improve planning, operation, and management of surface transportation systems and rights of way;

(7) Enhance knowledge of strategies to improve transportation in rural areas and small communities;

(8) Strengthen and advance State/local and tribal capabilities regarding surface transportation and the environment;

(9) Improve transportation decisionmaking and coordination across borders;

(10) Conduct research to promote environmental streamlining/stewardship;

(11) Disseminate research results and advances in state of the practice through peer exchanges, workshops, conferences, etc.;

(12) Meet additional priorities as determined by the Secretary; and

(13) Refine the scope and research emphases through active outreach and in consultation with stakeholders.

The FHWA is issuing this notice to: (1) Announce the proposed FY 2010 STEP Implementation Strategy in anticipation of future surface transportation legislation, and (2) solicit comments on proposed research activities likely to be undertaken in the FY 2010 STEP via the STEP Web site. The STEP Implementation Strategy includes updated information regarding historical planning and environment research funding and proposed FY 2010 STEP funding levels, goals, and research activities.

We invite the public to visit this Web site to obtain additional information on STEP, as well as information on the

process for forwarding comments to FHWA regarding the STEP implementation plan. The URL for the STEP Web site is: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/step/index.htm>. The FHWA will use this Web site as a major mechanism for informing the public regarding the status of STEP.

**Authority:** 23 U.S.C. 507.

Issued on August 31, 2009.

**Victor M. Mendez,**

*Federal Highway Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### [Revenue Procedure 2009-37]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Revenue Procedure

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning an existing revenue procedure, RP 2009-37, Internal Revenue Code Section 108(i) Election.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before November 3, 2009 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to R. Joseph Durbala, Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the regulations should be directed to Allan Hopkins at Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622-6665, or through the Internet at [Allan.M.Hopkins@irs.gov](mailto:Allan.M.Hopkins@irs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Internal Revenue Code Section 108(i) Election.

*OMB Number:* 1545-2147.

*Regulation Project Number:* Revenue Procedure 2009-37.

*Abstract:* The law allows taxpayers to defer for 5 years taxation of certain

income arising in 2009 or 2010. Taxpayers then must include the deferred amount in income ratably over 5 years. The election statement advises that a taxpayer makes the election and the election and information statements provide information necessary to track the income. Respondents are C corporations and other persons in a business that reacquire debt instruments.

*Current Actions:* There is no change to this revenue procedure.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 50,000.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 6 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 300,000.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: August 26, 2009.

**R. Joseph Durbala,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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