

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration**

[Docket No. FAA-2024-1902]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of a Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Rotorcraft External Load Operator Certificate Application****AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The collection involves the submission of FAA Form 8710-4 for the certification process of rotorcraft external-load operators. The information to be collected is necessary to evaluate the applicants' eligibility for certification.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by August 26, 2024.**ADDRESSES:** Please send written comments:

*By Electronic Docket:*  
www.regulations.gov (Enter docket number into search field).

*By mail:* Chris Morris, 800 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20591.

*By email:* chris.morris@faa.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Raymond Plessinger by email at: raymond.plessinger@faa.gov; phone: 717-443-7296.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2120-0044.

*Title:* Rotorcraft External Load Operator Certificate Application.

*Form Numbers:* FAA Form 8710-4.

*Type of Review:* Renewal.

*Background:* This collection involves the application for issuance or renewal

of a 14 CFR part 133 Rotorcraft External Load Operator Certificate. Application for an original certificate or renewal of a certificate issued under 14 CFR part 133 is made on a form, and in a manner prescribed by the Administrator. The FAA form 8710-4 may be obtained from an FAA Flight Standards District Office, or online at <https://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/form/faa8710-4.pdf>. The completed application is sent to the district office that has jurisdiction over the area in which the applicant's home base of operation is located.

The information collected includes: type of application, operator's name/DBA, telephone number, mailing address, physical address of the principal base of operations, chief pilot/designee name, airman certificate grade and number, rotorcraft make, model and registration numbers to be used, and load combinations requested.

*Respondents:* 357 active part 133 certificate-holders.

*Frequency:* New applications when needed; current 14 CFR part 133 certificate-holders must renew every 24 months.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* 30 minutes per application.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 89 total hours per year.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 21, 2024.

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**BILLING CODE 4910-13-P****DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****Membership in the National Parks Overflights Advisory Group**

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

**ACTION:** Solicitation of applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the National Park Service (NPS) invite interested persons to apply to fill 1 current and 1 upcoming vacancy on the National Parks Overflights Advisory Group (NPOAG). This notice invites interested persons to apply for the openings. The current opening is for a representative of Native American tribes. The upcoming opening is for one of the three commercial air tour representatives.

**DATES:** Persons interested in these membership openings will need to apply by July 26, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sandi Fox, Environmental Protection Specialist, FAA Office of Environment and Energy, 800 Independence Ave. SW, Suite 900W, Washington, DC 20591, telephone: (202) 267-0928, email: [Sandra.Y.Fox@faa.gov](mailto:Sandra.Y.Fox@faa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

The National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000 (the Act) was enacted on April 5, 2000, as Public Law 106-181, and subsequently amended in the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. The Act required the establishment of the advisory group within one year after its enactment. The NPOAG was established in March 2001. The advisory group is comprised of representatives of general aviation, commercial air tour operators, environmental concerns, and Native American tribes. The Administrator of the FAA and the Director of NPS (or their designees) serve as ex officio members of the group. Representatives of the Administrator and Director serve alternating 1-year terms as chairman of the advisory group.

In accordance with the Act, the advisory group provides "advice, information, and recommendations to the Administrator and the Director—

(1) On the implementation of this title [the Act] and the amendments made by this title;

(2) On commonly accepted quiet aircraft technology for use in commercial air tour operations over a national park or tribal lands, which will receive preferential treatment in a given air tour management plan;

(3) On other measures that might be taken to accommodate the interests of visitors to national parks; and

(4) At the request of the Administrator and the Director, safety, environmental, and other issues related to commercial air tour operations over a national park or tribal lands."

**Membership**

The current NPOAG is made up of one member representing general aviation, three members representing commercial air tour operators, four members representing environmental concerns, and two members representing Native American tribes. Members serve three-year terms. Current members of the NPOAG are as follows: Murray Huling representing general aviation; Eric Lincoln, James Viola, and John Becker representing commercial air