

TRAVEL ADVISORY

September 13, 2001

With respect to the recent terrorist attacks on the New York World Trade Towers and the Pentagon by hi-jacked airliners the following travel advisory is issued.

As a general rule when traveling on official Government business the preferred method of transportation is by air. While traveling by air is considered a fast, economical, safe and reliable method of transportation, some travelers may be reluctant to continue a delayed trip or beginning a new trip by air. Accordingly, when it is in the best interest of the Government and authorized/approved by the appropriate agency approving official, on a case-by-case basis, agencies may authorize/approve an alternate mode of transportation for those travelers expressing genuine concerns about returning to their permanent duty station or beginning a new trip by air.

Travelers should also be reminded of the additional security precautions being implemented by the airlines and airports. Travelers can check the latest airport status by accessing the FAA website at <http://www.faa.gov>. It appears that only those passengers with tickets will be allowed access to boarding areas, so it is strongly recommended that travelers have identification and documentation (e-ticket verification invoice/itinerary) with them at all times. Additionally, travelers should be advised to contact their TMC for changes to their travel schedules and the booking of lodging accommodations. The agency TMC should be aware of any changes to airline, rail, and car rental industries.

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