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This is the U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Wednesday, January 3. It consists of remarks by a Departmental spokesman on Air Traffic Controllers.

"The Federal Aviation Administration has begun a biomedical study of factors that influence the health of air traffic controllers. A \$400 thousand contract to the Boston University School of Medicine covers the first year of a five-year effort. The FAA wants to determine the nature and frequency of any illnesses that may be attributable to employment as an air traffic controller and develop methods for early detection. About 250 volunteer controllers will undergo comprehensive medical examinations at various intervals. The results of the program will help shape FAA decisions regarding controller selection, work load assignments and shift rotation practices."

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