

either side of the 349° bearing from the Clam Cove NDB extending to 50 miles north of the airport; and that airspace extending upward from 5,700 feet MSL within 15.6 miles south of the 311° radial of the Annette Island VORTAC extending from 15.8 miles west of the VORTAC to 56.8 miles west of the VORTAC and within 9 miles north and 14 miles south of the Ketchikan Localizer west course extending from 4.3 miles west of the airport to 42.7 miles west of the airport.

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#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 96-AAL-10]

#### Proposed Establishment of Class E Airspace; Nuiqsut, AK

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This action establishes Class E airspace at Nuiqsut, AK. The development of a Global Positioning System (GPS) instrument approach to RWY 4 and RWY 22 has made this action necessary. This action will change the airport status from Visual Flight Rules (VFR) to Instrument Flight Rules (IFR). The area would be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference. The intended effect of this proposal is to provide adequate controlled airspace for IFR operations at Nuiqsut, AK.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before August 23, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Manager, System Management Branch, AAL-530, Docket No. 96-AAL-10, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513-7587.

The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel for the Alaskan Region at the same address.

An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours in the Office of the Manager, System Management Branch, Air Traffic Division, at the address shown above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert van Haastert, System Management Branch, AAL-538, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th

Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513-7587; telephone number (907) 271-5902.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments Invited

Interested parties are invited to participate in this proposed rulemaking by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire.

Comments that provide the factual basis supporting the views and suggestions presented are particularly helpful in developing reasoned regulatory decisions on the proposal. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal.

Communications should identify the airspace docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address listed above. Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this notice must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made:

"Comments to Airspace Docket No. 96-AAL-10." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter. All communications received on or before the specified closing date for comments will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this notice may be changed in light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the System Management Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK, both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

##### Availability of NPRM's

Any person may obtain a copy of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) by submitting a request to the System Management Branch, AAL-530, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513-7587. Communications must identify the notice number of this NPRM. Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRM's should also request a copy of Advisory Circular No. 11-2A which describes the application procedure.

##### The Proposal

The FAA is considering an amendment to part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) to establish Class E airspace at Nuiqsut,

AK, due to the creation of GPS approaches to RWY 4 and RWY 22. The status of Nuiqsut Airport will change from VFR to IFR. The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. The Class E airspace areas designated as 700/1200 foot transition areas are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9C, dated August 17, 1995, and effective September 16, 1995, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 (58 FR 36298; July 6, 1993). The Class E airspace designation listed in this document would be published subsequently in the Order. The FAA has determined that these proposed regulations only involve an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore—(1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

##### List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

##### The Proposed Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

#### PART 71—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR Part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389; 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 14 CFR 11.69.

##### § 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9C, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 17, 1995, and effective September 16, 1995, is amended as follows:

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*Paragraph 6005 Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth.*

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Nuiqsut Airport, AK  
(lat. 70°12'36" N, long. 151°00'20" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.5-mile radius of the Nuiqsut Airport.

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## 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 96-AAL-8]

### Proposed Revision of Class E Airspace; Merle K. (Mudhole) Smith Airport, Cordova, AK

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This action revises the Class E airspace at Merle K. (Mudhole) Smith Airport, Cordova, AK. The development of the Required Navigation Performance (RNP) instrument approach to Merle K. (Mudhole) Smith Airport, Cordova, AK has made this action necessary. The area would be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference. The intended effect of this proposal is to provide adequate controlled airspace for Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at Cordova, AK.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before August 23, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Manager, System Management Branch, AAL-530, Docket No. 96-AAL-8, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513-7587.

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### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

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"Comments to Airspace Docket No. 96-AAL-8." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter. All communications received on or before the specified closing date for comments will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this notice may be changed in light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the System Management Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK, both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

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#### The Proposal

The FAA is considering an amendment to part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) to modify Class E airspace at Cordova, AK. This action is necessary to accommodate a new RNP instrument approach to Runway 9 at Merle K.

(Mudhole) Smith Airport, Cordova, AK. The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. The Class E airspace areas designated as 700/1200 foot transition areas are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9C, dated August 17, 1995, and effective September 16, 1995, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 (58 FR 36298; July 6, 1993). The Class E airspace designation listed in this document would be published subsequently in the Order. The FAA has determined that these proposed regulations only involve an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore —(1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

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