

document will be removed subsequently from the Order.

The FAA has determined that this proposed regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. Therefore, this proposed regulation (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 proposed rule 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

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

PART 71—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, CLASS B, CLASS C, CLASS D, AND CLASS E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIRWAYS; ROUTES, AND REPORTING POINTS

1. The authority citation for part 71 continues to read as follows:

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

§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 10, 1997, and effective September 16, 1997, is amended as follows:

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

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ACE KS E5 Minneapolis, KS [Removed]

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Issued in Kansas City, MO, on October 7, 1997.

Christopher R. Blum,

Acting Manager, Air Traffic Division, Central Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 97–AAL–11]

Proposed Revocation of Class E Airspace; Wrangell, AK, and Petersburg, AK

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This action proposes to revoke the Class E surface area airspace at Wrangell, AK, and Petersburg, AK. Plans to develop Required Navigation Performance (RNP) instrument approach procedures at these airports have been cancelled or delayed indefinitely. Consequently, the surface areas at Wrangell Airport and Petersburg James A Johnson Airport are no longer necessary for air traffic operations. Adoption of this proposal would result in the affected airspace reverting to Class G.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on this proposal in triplicate to: Manager, Operations Branch, AAL–530, Docket No. 97–AAL–11, 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, Operations Branch, Air Traffic Division, at the address shown above and on the Internet at Alaskan Region's homepage at <http://www.alaska.faa.gov/at> or at address <http://162.58.28.41/at>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert van Haastert, Operations Branch, AAL–538, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513–7587; telephone number: (907) 271–5863; email: Robert.van.Haastert@faa.dot.gov; Internet: <http://www.alaska.faa.gov/at> or at <http://162.58.28.41/at>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In May 1996, rulemaking actions were initiated to create surface area airspace at the Wrangell Airport and the Petersburg James A Johnson Airport to support new RNP instrument approach procedures. Alaska Airlines planned to develop RNP approaches to runways 27

and 9 at Wrangell Airport, and for runways 4 and 22 at Petersburg James A Johnson Airport. These new RNP approaches were to be designed with minimums below 700 feet Above Ground Level (AGL). The establishment of surface areas at both airports was requested and the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) was published June 24, 1996 (61 FR 32372). No comments to the NPRM were received and the Final Rule was published October 16, 1996 (61 FR 53844), establishing new surface areas for Wrangell Airport and Petersburg James A Johnson Airport. After the Juneau Sectional Aeronautical Chart, 37th edition, was published on April 24, 1997, the FAA received one Congressional Inquiry and additional letters of concern and objections to the surface areas at both airports. Letters have been received from Sunrise Aviation INC., Nordic Air, Temsco Helicopters INC., Pacific Wing INC., Taquan Air, and Hawkair Aviation Services LTD objecting to the establishment of these surface areas without an apparent purpose and usage. Alaska Airlines has indicated to the FAA their RNP instrument approach development for Wrangell Airport and Petersburg James A Johnson Airport has been delayed and development of new RNP approaches is not scheduled in the immediate future.

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. 97–AAL–11." 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 Operations 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 Operations 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 14 CFR part 71 to remove the Class E airspace at Wrangell, AK, and Petersburg, AK. The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. The Class E airspace areas designated as surface areas for an airport are published in paragraph 6002 of FAA Order 7400.9E, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, dated September 10, 1997, and effective September 16, 1997, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document would be removed subsequently from the Order.

The FAA has determined that this proposed regulation only involves 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—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, CLASS B, CLASS C, CLASS D, AND CLASS E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIRWAYS; ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

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

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

§71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9E, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, dated September 10, 1997, and effective September 16, 1997, is to be amended as follows:

Paragraph 6002 The Class E airspace areas listed below are designated as a surface area for an airport

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AAL AK E2 Petersburg, AK [Removed]

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AAL AK E2 Wrangell, AK [Removed]

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Issued in Anchorage, AK, on November 5, 1997.

Willis C. Nelson,

Manager, Air Traffic Division, Alaskan Region.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 80

[FRL-5931-4]

Petition by the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for Exemption From Anti-Dumping and Detergent Additization Requirements for Conventional Gasoline

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Proposed notice of decision.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or "the Agency") is proposing to grant a petition by the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana

Islands ("CNMI") for exemption from the anti-dumping requirements for gasoline sold in the United States after January 1, 1995. This action is being taken because of CNMI's unique geographic location and economic factors. If the gasoline anti-dumping exemption were not granted, CNMI would be required to import gasoline from a supplier meeting the anti-dumping requirements adding a considerable expense to gasoline purchased by the CNMI consumer. CNMI is in full attainment with the national ambient air quality standard for ozone. This action is not expected to cause harmful environmental effects to the citizens of CNMI. EPA is not granting CNMI's petition for exemption from the fuel detergent additization requirements that all gasoline sold in the United States after January 1, 1995 contain fuel detergents. CNMI did not show that these requirements were unreasonable or infeasible due to any unique local factors. The fuel detergent additization requirements are designed to prevent the build-up of deposits in gasoline engines and fuel supply systems. By controlling such deposits in CNMI's vehicles, harmful engine exhaust emissions will be reduced.

DATES: Comments on this proposed final decision must be received in writing by January 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Materials relevant to this petition are available for inspection in public docket A-96-11 at the Air Docket Office of the EPA, room M-1500, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460, (202) 260-7548, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. A duplicate public docket, A-NM-96, has been established at U.S. EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street (Mail Code: A-2-1), 17th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105, (415) 744-1225, and is available between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. As provided in 40 CFR part 2, a reasonable fee may be charged for copying services.

Comments should be submitted (in duplicate if possible) to the two dockets listed above, with a copy forwarded to Marilyn Winstead McCall, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Fuels and Energy Division, 401 M Street, SW (Mail Code: 6406J), Washington, D.C. 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marilyn Winstead McCall at (202) 233-9029.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For more detailed information on this proposal, please see EPA's Notice of Direct Final Decision published in the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register** which