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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 50

[Docket No. PRM-50-111; NRC-2015-0124]

Power Reactor In-Core Monitoring

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Petition for rulemaking; notice of docketing.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received a petition for rulemaking (PRM) requesting that the NRC amend its “Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities” regulations to require all nuclear power plant (NPP) licensees to use in-core monitoring devices at different elevations and radial positions throughout the reactor core. The PRM was submitted by Mr. Mark Edward Leyse (the petitioner) on March 13, 2015, docketed by the NRC on April 24, 2015, and assigned Docket No. PRM-50-111. The NRC is examining the issues raised in this PRM to determine whether they should be considered in rulemaking. The NRC is not requesting public comment on this PRM at this time.

DATES: The NRC received the PRM on March 13, 2015, and docketed it on April 24, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2015-0124 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this PRM. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this PRM by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2015-0124. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-415-3463; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “ADAMS Public Documents” and then select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

- *NRC’s PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC’s PDR, Room 01-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Natreon Jordan, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone 301-415-7410; email: Natreon.Jordan@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. The Petitioner

On March 13, 2015, Mr. Mark Edward Leyse, a consultant for public interest groups and the author and co-author of papers, filed PRM-50-111 with the Commission (ADAMS Accession No. ML15113B143). In PRM-50-111, Mr. Leyse requests that the NRC amend its “Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities” regulations to require all NPP licensees to use in-core monitoring devices at different elevations and radial positions throughout the reactor core.

Mr. Leyse previously submitted a similar PRM (PRM-50-105, ADAMS Accession No. ML12065A215) on February 28, 2012. Although only pertaining to pressurized water reactors, this earlier PRM requested that the NRC require all holders of operating licenses for NPPs to operate NPPs with in-core thermocouples at different elevations and radial positions throughout the reactor core to enable NPP operators to accurately measure a large range of in-core temperatures in NPP steady-state and transient conditions. The NRC docketed and noticed Mr. Leyse’s earlier PRM, in part based upon the NRC’s

determination that he had demonstrated sufficient interest in the subject matters raised in PRM-50-105 (77 FR 30435; May 23, 2012). Mr. Leyse’s March 13, 2015, PRM provides a more extensive description of himself and his interest in the subject matter of the PRM, as compared with the discussion he provided in PRM-50-105.

II. The Petition

The petitioner requests that the NRC amend part 50 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, “Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities,” to require all NPP licensees to use in-core monitoring devices at different elevations and radial positions throughout the reactor core. The petitioner states that in the event of a severe accident, “in-core temperature-monitoring devices would enable NPP operators to accurately measure in-core temperatures, providing crucial information to help them track the progression of core damage and manage the accident.”

The petitioner asserts that the in-core monitoring devices would “enable NPP operators to accurately measure a large range of in-core temperatures in steady-state and transient conditions.” The petitioner further states that, in the event of a severe accident, the in-core monitoring devices would give NPP operators crucial information to “help them track the progression of core damage and manage the accident.” The petitioner states also that by improving the monitoring of in-core temperatures, the in-core monitoring devices “could actually increase the electrical production of NPPs.” For additional information, see the PRM in ADAMS under Accession No. ML15113B143.

III. Conclusion

The NRC has determined that the PRM meets the threshold sufficiency requirements for a PRM under § 2.802, “Petition for rulemaking,” and it has been docketed as PRM-50-111.

The NRC will examine the issues raised in PRM-50-111 to determine whether they should be considered in rulemaking. The NRC is not requesting public comment on PRM-50-111 at this time.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of July, 2015.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Annette L. Vietti-Cook,
Secretary of the Commission.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2014-0967; Airspace
 Docket No. 14-ASO-19]

Proposed Amendment of Class E Airspace; Ponce, PR

AGENCY: Federal Aviation
 Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking
 (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This action proposes to amend Class E Airspace at Ponce, PR, as the PONCE VHF Omni-Directional Radio Range Tactical Air Navigation Aid, (VORTAC) has been decommissioned, requiring airspace redesign at Mercedita Airport. This action is necessary for the safety and management of instrument flight rules (IFR) operations at the airport.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 31, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on this rule to: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001; Telephone: 1-800-647-5527; Fax: 202-493-2251. You must identify the Docket Number FAA-2014-0967; Airspace Docket No. 14-ASO-19, at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit and review received comments through the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Docket Office (telephone 1-800-647-5527), is on the ground floor of the building at the above address.

FAA Order 7400.9Y, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/. The Order is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this proposed incorporation by reference material at NARA, call 202-741-6030, or go to

http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/code_of_federal-regulations/ibr_locations.html.

FAA Order 7400.9, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15. For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy and Regulations Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, 20591; telephone: 202-267-8783.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Fornito, Operations Support Group, Eastern Service Center, Federal Aviation Administration, P.O. Box 20636, Atlanta, Georgia 30320; telephone (404) 305-6364.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority for This Rulemaking

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it would amend Class E airspace at Mercedita Airport, Ponce, PR.

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to comment on this rule 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 both docket numbers (FAA Docket No. FAA-2014-0967; Airspace Docket No. 14-ASO-19) and be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Management System (see **ADDRESSES** section for address and phone number). You may also submit comments through the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Persons wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this action must submit with those comments a self-addressed stamped

postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket No. FAA-2014-0967; Airspace Docket No. 14-ASO-19." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter.

All communications received 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 the comments received. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

Availability of NPRMs

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded from and comments submitted through <http://www.regulations.gov>. Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA's Web page at http://www.faa.gov/airports-airtraffic/air_traffic/publications/airspace_amendments/.

You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office (see the **ADDRESSES** section for address and phone number) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An informal docket may also be examined between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays at the office of the Eastern Service Center, Federal Aviation Administration, Room 350, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, Georgia 30337.

Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRM's should contact the FAA's Office of Rulemaking, (202) 267-9677, to request a copy of Advisory circular No. 11-2A, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking distribution System, which describes the application procedure.

Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference

This document proposes to amend FAA Order 7400.9Y, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 6, 2014, and effective September 15, 2014. FAA Order 7400.9Y is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this proposed rule. FAA Order 7400.9Y lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

The Proposal

The FAA is considering an amendment to Title 14, Code of Federal