

airspace for IFR operations at Potomac Airport.

Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking proceeding by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments objecting to the proposal were received.

Class E airspace areas designations are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9D, dated September 4, 1996, and effective September 16, 1996, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

**The Rule**

This amendment to Part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 71) establishes Class E airspace area at Friendly, MD, to accommodate a VOR/DME or GPS RWY 6 SIAP and for IFR operations at Potomac Airport.

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. Therefore, this 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 10034; 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 will not have 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).

**Adoption of the Amendment**

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 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. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; EO 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959–1963 Comp., p. 389; 14 CFR 11.69.

**§ 71.1 [Amended]**

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 4, 1996, and effective

September 16, 1996, 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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**AEA MD E5 Friendly, MD [New]**

Potomac Airport, MD  
(Lat. 38°44'52N., long. 76°57'26"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6-mile radius of the Potomac Airport, excluding that portion that coincides with the Washington, DC Class E airspace area.

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**John S. Walker,**  
*Manager, Air Traffic Division, Eastern Region.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**14 CFR Part 71**

[Airspace Docket No. 97–AEA–009]

**Establishment of Class E Airspace; Donora, PA**

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action establishes Class E airspace at Donora, PA, to accommodate a Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP), Helicopter Point In Space Approach based on the Global Positioning System (GPS), serving Monongahela Valley Hospital Heliport. The intended effect of this action is to provide adequate controlled airspace for instrument flight rules (IFR) operations to the heliport.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 0901 UTC, July 17, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Frances Jordan, Airspace Specialist, Operations Branch, AEA–530, Air Traffic Division, Eastern Region, Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Building #111, John F. Kennedy International Airport, Jamaica, New York 11430, telephone: (718) 553–4521.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**History**

On March 3, 1997, the FAA proposed to amend Part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 71) by establishing Class E airspace at Warren, PA (62 FR 9395). This action would provide adequate Class E airspace for

IFR operations to Monongahela Valley Hospital Heliport.

Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking proceeding by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments objecting to the proposal were received.

Class E airspace areas designations are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9D, dated September 4, 1996, and effective September 16, 1996, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 The Class E airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

**The Rule**

This amendment to Part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 71) establishes Class E airspace area at Donora, PA, to accommodate a GPS SIAP Point In Space Approach and for IFR operations to Monongahela Valley Hospital Heliport.

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. Therefore, this 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 10034; 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 will not have 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).

*Adoption of the Amendment*

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 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. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; EO 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959–1963 Comp., p. 389; 14 CFR 11.69.

**§ 71.1 [Amended]**

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 4, 1996, and effective

September 16, 1996, 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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#### **AEA PA E5 Donora, PA [New]**

Monongahela Valley Hospital Heliport, PA  
Point In Space Coordinates  
(Lat. 40°10'26"N., long. 79°54'29"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6-mile radius of the Point In Space serving Monongahela Valley Hospital Heliport excluding that portion that coincides with the Pittsburgh PA Class E airspace area and the Monongahela, PA Class E airspace area.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

#### **14 CFR Part 73**

[Airspace Docket No. 94-AWP-15]

RIN 2120-AA66

#### **Establishment of Restricted Area 2311 (R-2311), Yuma Proving Ground, AZ**

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action establishes a new Restricted Area R-2311 (R-2311) at Yuma Proving Ground (YPG), Yuma, AZ. The restricted area will contain the U.S. Army's weapons and ammunition acceptance testing, a mission that was relocated from Jefferson Proving Ground, IN, as a result of the 1988 Base Realignment and Closure Act.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 0901 UTC, July 17, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ken McElroy, Airspace and Rules Division, ATA-400, Office of Air Traffic Airspace Management, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8783.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

On October 24, 1988, Congress passed Public Law 100-526, the Defense Authorization Amendments and Base Closure and Realignment Act. One of the provisions of the Act was to relocate

the activities occurring at Jefferson Proving Ground, IN, to YPG, AZ. The closure activity at Jefferson was to occur in a phased manner from 1991 to 1995. During the airspace review, the Army concluded that the existing ranges at YPG were unable to fully accommodate the activity required for munitions production acceptance testing. Due to the need for uninterrupted use of airspace to support the test mission, the U.S. Army requested that the FAA take action to convert an existing controlled firing area (CFA), Kofa South, into a restricted area.

On January 6, 1995, the FAA proposed to amend Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations part 73 (14 CFR part 73) to establish R-2311, Yuma Proving Ground, Yuma, AZ (60 FR 2048). Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking proceeding by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments objecting to the proposal were received. Except for editorial changes, this amendment is the same as that proposed in the notice. The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. Restricted areas are republished in Section 73.23 of FAA Order 7400.8D dated July 11, 1996.

##### **The Rule**

This amendment to 14 CFR part 73 establishes R-2311, Yuma Proving Ground, Yuma, AZ. R-2311 is located within the lateral boundaries of the Kofa South CFA and extends from the surface to 3,500 feet MSL. The times of designation are sunrise to sunset, Monday through Saturday, other times by NOTAM. The closure of Jefferson Proving Ground, IN, and the subsequent move of the munitions testing function to YPG, AZ, has created a need for uninterrupted use of airspace in support of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command mission. These activities cannot be fully accommodated on existing ranges located at YPG. The restrictions and limitations on CFA activity are not amenable to the type of activity required for munitions production acceptance testing. R-2311 is a joint use area, and, when the area is not being used by YPG, it will be released to the controlling agency.

The FAA has determined that this 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 will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

##### **Environmental Review**

In September 1991, the U.S. Army, as the lead agency for the mandatory move of the Jefferson Proving Ground's activities to YPG, published an environmental impact statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Additionally, upon FAA's request, the U.S. Army conducted an environmental assessment (EA) targeted at the specific activities the U.S. Army proposes to conduct within the new restricted area. This EA was published in June 1996. The FAA has reviewed and adopts the EIS and the EA submitted by the U.S. Army. Use of the subject area, as proposed, is consistent with existing national environmental policies and objectives as set forth in Section 101(a) of the NEPA and would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment or otherwise include any condition requiring consultation pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of NEPA. This restricted area does not have the potential to significantly increase noise over surrounding wilderness areas or trigger the requirements of Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act.

##### **List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 73**

Airspace, Navigation (air).

##### **Adoption of the Amendment**

In consideration of the foregoing, the FAA amends 14 CFR part 73 as follows:

##### **PART 73—[AMENDED]**

1. The authority citation for part 73 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; 14 CFR 11.69.

##### **§ 73.23 [Amended]**

2. Section 73.23 is amended as follows:

##### **R-2311 Yuma, AZ [New]**

Boundaries. Beginning at lat. 32°46'48"N., long. 114°19'16"W.; to lat. 32°51'20"N., long. 114°19'04"W.; to lat. 32°51'53"N., long. 114°03'40"W.; to lat. 32°46'48"N., long. 114°03'51"W.; to the point of beginning. Altitudes. Surface to 3,500 feet MSL.