collision course with uncontrolled VFR traffic

Changes that would result for VFR pilots with the proposed establishment of these surface areas include: (1) a requirement to maintain basic VFR weather minimums as detailed in 14 CFR part 91 section 155 (§ 91.155) established for Class E airspace to the surface, consisting of three (3) statute miles visibility and cloud clearance of 500 feet below, 1,000 feet above, and 2,000 feet horizontal distance from clouds; (2) if the basic VFR weather minimums (§ 91.155) can not be maintained, then a pilot would be required to fly in accordance with the Special VFR weather minimums contained in § 91.157, i.e., have an Air Traffic Control (ATC) clearance.

Comments were received from Tatonduk Outfitters Limited, Tanana Air Service, and one pilot. Based on the comments received during the airspace study, the FAA decided to proceed with the rulemaking process to establish surface areas at Aniak, AK, and St. Mary's, AK.

The Proposal

The FAA proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 by establishing Class E airspace at Aniak, AK, and St. Mary's, AK, at the request of air taxi operators with flight operations at these airports. The intended effect of this proposal is to provide additional controlled airspace for IFR operations.

The area would be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference. The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. The Class E airspace areas designated as surface areas are published in paragraph 6002 in FAA Order 7400.9F, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 10, 1998, and effective September 16, 1998, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 (63 FR 50139; September 21, 1998). The Class E airspace designations listed in this document would be published subsequently in 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 7400.9F, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, dated September 10, 1998, and effective September 16, 1998, is to be amended as follows:

Paragraph 6002 Class E airspace designated as surface areas

AAL AK E2 Aniak, AK [New]

Aniak Airport

(Lat. 61°34′54″ N., long. 159°32′35″ W.) Aniak NDB

(Lat. 61°35'25" N., long. 159°35'53" W.)

Within a 4-mile radius of the Aniak Airport and within 1.5 miles each side of the 300° bearing and the 112° bearing from the Aniak NDB, extending from the 4-mile radius to 6.5 miles and within 2.8 miles each side of the Aniak NDB 229° bearing, extending from the 4-mile radius to 6.5 miles southwest of the airport. This Class E airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Airport/Facility Directory.

AAL E2 St. Mary's, AK [New]

St. Mary's Airport, AK

(Lat. 62°03′38″ N., long. 163°18′08″ W.) St. Mary's NDB

(Lat. 62°03'30" N., long. 163°17'30" W.)

Within a 4.1-mile radius of the St. Mary's Airport and within 1.5 miles either side of the 339° bearing and 1.5 miles either side of the 001° bearing from the St. Mary's NDB,

extending from the 4.1 mile radius to 6.7 miles north of the airport and within 1.5 miles either side of the 197° bearing and 1.5 miles either side of the 185° bearing from the St. Mary's NDB, extending from the 4.1-mile radius to 6.7 miles south of the airport. This Class E airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Airport/Facility Directory.

Issued in Anchorage, AK, on July 23, 1999. **Trent S. Cummings**,

Assistant Manager, Air Traffic Division, Alaskan Region.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 62

[Docket No. #WA-1-0001; FRL-6408-7]

Approval and Promulgation of State Plans For Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Washington

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA proposes to approve the section 111(d)/129 State Plan submitted by the State of Washington on January 4, 1999. The State Plan was submitted by Washington to satisfy certain Federal Clean Air Act requirements. In the Final Rules section of this Federal Register, the EPA is approving the State's Plan submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates that it will not receive any significant, material, and adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule and incorporated by reference herein. If no significant, material, and adverse comments are received in response to this rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If the EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action.

DATES: Comments on this proposed rule must be received in writing by August 30, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Catherine Woo, Environmental Protection Specialist, at the EPA Regional Office listed below. Copies of the documents relevant to this proposed rule are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations. The interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the day of the visit.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, Office of Air Quality, 1200 6th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101. The State of Washington, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, Washington 98504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine Woo, Office of Air Quality (OAQ-107), EPA, 1200 6th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101, (206) 553-1814.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the Direct Final action which is located in the Rules section of this **Federal Register** and incorporated by reference herein.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 62

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Air pollution control, Intergovernmental relations, Municipal Waste Combustors, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: July 19, 1999.

Randall F. Smith.

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 10. [FR Doc. 99–19432 Filed 7–29–99; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6560–50–P

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

44 CFR Part 67

[Docket No. FEMA-7294]

Proposed Flood Elevation Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: Technical information or comments are requested on the proposed base (1% annual chance) flood elevations and proposed base flood elevation modifications for the communities listed below. The base

flood elevations and modified base flood elevations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that the community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

DATES: The comment period is ninety (90) days following the second publication of this proposed rule in a newspaper of local circulation in each community.

ADDRESSES: The proposed base flood elevations for each community are available for inspection at the office of the Chief Executive Officer of each community. The respective addresses are listed in the following table.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matthew B. Miller, P.E., Chief, Hazards Study Branch, Mitigation Directorate, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646–3461, or (e-mail) matt.miller@fema.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Emergency Management Agency proposes to make determinations of base flood elevations and modified base flood elevations for each community listed below, in accordance with Section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These proposed base flood and modified base flood elevations, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own, or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These proposed elevations are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP and are also used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings built after these elevations are made final, and for the contents in these buildings.

National Environmental Policy Act

This proposed rule is categorically excluded from the requirements of 44 CFR Part 10, Environmental Consideration. No environmental impact assessment has been prepared.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Associate Director for Mitigation certifies that this proposed rule is exempt from the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because proposed or modified base flood elevations are required by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and are required to establish and maintain community eligibility in the NFIP. No regulatory flexibility analysis has been prepared.

Regulatory Classification

This proposed rule is not a significant regulatory action under the criteria of Section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 of September 30, 1993, Regulatory Planning and Review, 58 FR 51735.

Executive Order 12612, Federalism

This proposed rule involves no policies that have federalism implications under Executive Order 12612, Federalism, dated October 26, 1987.

Executive Order 12778, Civil Justice Reform

This proposed rule meets the applicable standards of Section 2(b)(2) of Executive Order 12778.

List of Subjects in 44 CFR Part 67

Administrative practice and procedure, Flood insurance, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Accordingly, 44 CFR Part 67 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 67—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 67 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*; Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 329; E.O. 12127, 44 FR 19367, 3 CFR, 1979 Comp., p. 376.

§67.4 [Amended]

2. The tables published under the authority of § 67.4 are proposed to be amended as follows:

State	City/town/county	Source of flooding	Location	#Depth in feet above ground. *Elevation in feet (NGVD)	
				Existing	Modified
California	Avenal (City) Kings County.	Arroyo Del Camino	Approximately 250 feet downstream of Shasta Street.	None	*801