

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 7400.9F, *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 will be revised and published subsequently in the Order.

### The Rule

This amendment to 14 CFR part 71 establishes the Class E airspace at Platinum, AK, through the establishment of a GPS instrument approach. The area will be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference. The intended effect of this proposal is to provide adequate controlled airspace for IFR operations at Platinum, AK.

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).

### Adoption of the Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 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 amended as follows:

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

\* \* \* \* \*

#### AAL AK E5 Platinum, AK [New]

Platinum Airport

(Lat. 59°00′41″ N., long. 161°49′11″ W.)

Togiak NDB

(Lat. 59°03′51″ N., long. 160°22′27″ W.)

Kipnuk VOR

(Lat. 59°56′34″ N., long. 164°02′04″ W.)

Oscarville NDB

(Lat. 60°47′29″ N., long. 161°52′22″ W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within 5.5-mile radius of the Platinum Airport; and that airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface 4 miles either side of a line from the Togiak NDB to lat. 59°19′00″ N. long. 161°52′00″ W., and 4 miles either side of a line from Kipnuk VOR to lat. 59°19′00″ N. long. 161°52′00″ W., and 4 miles either side of a line from Oscarville NDB to lat. 59°19′00″ N. long. 161°52′00″ W., and 4 miles either side of a line extending from lat. 59°19′00″ N. long. 161°52′00″ W. to lat. 59°09′58″ N. long. 161°57′39″ W. to lat. 59°05′27″ N. long. 161°53′31″ W.

\* \* \* \* \*

Issued in Anchorage, AK, on September 28, 1999.

**Willis C. Nelson,**

Manager, Air Traffic Division, Alaskan Region.

[FR Doc. 99–25849 Filed 10–4–99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910–13–P

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 99–AAL–9]

#### Establishment of Class E Airspace; Mountain Village, AK

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action establishes Class E airspace at Mountain Village, AK. The establishment of Global Positioning System (GPS) instrument approach procedures at Mountain Village Airport made this action necessary. The Mountain Village Airport status changes from Visual Flight Rules (VFR) to Instrument Flight Rules (IFR). This rule provides adequate controlled airspace

for aircraft flying IFR procedures at Mountain Village, AK.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 0901 UTC, November 4, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bob Durand, Operations Branch, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513–7587; telephone number (907) 271–5898; fax: (907) 271–2850; email: Bob.Durand@faa.gov. Internet address: <http://www.alaska.faa.gov/at> or at address <http://162.58.28.41/at>.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### History

On July 30, 1999, a proposal to amend part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) to establish the Class E airspace at Mountain Village, AK, was published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 41362). The proposal was necessary due to the establishment of GPS instrument approaches at Mountain Village, AK. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking proceeding by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No public comments to the proposal were received; thus, the rule is adopted as written.

The area will 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 700/1200 foot transition areas are published in paragraph 6005 of 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 will be revised and published subsequently in the Order.

### The Rule

This amendment to 14 CFR part 71 establishes the Class E airspace at Mountain Village, AK, through the establishment of GPS instrument approaches. The area will be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference. The intended effect of this proposal is to provide adequate controlled airspace for IFR operations at Mountain Village, AK.

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).

#### Adoption of the Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 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 amended as follows:

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

\* \* \* \* \*

##### Mountain Village Airport [New]

(Lat. 62°05'43" N., long. 163°40'55" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within 6.3-mile radius of the Mountain Village Airport and that airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface within 35 miles southeast of the airport extending clockwise from the 139° radial to the 310° radial, excluding that airspace within the St. Marys, AK, Class E airspace area.

\* \* \* \* \*

Issued in Anchorage, AK, on September 28, 1999.

**Willis C. Nelson,**

*Manager, Air Traffic Division, Alaskan Region.*

[FR Doc. 99–25848 Filed 10–4–99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910–13–P

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 99–AAL–7]

#### Establishment of Class E Airspace; Aniak, AK; Establishment of Class E Airspace; St. Mary's, AK

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action establishes Class E (surface area) airspace at Aniak, AK, and St. Mary's, AK. This action is at the request of air taxi operators with flight operations at these airports. This rule provides additional Class E airspace for aircraft flying Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) procedures at Aniak, AK, and St. Mary's, AK.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 0901 UTC, November 4, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bob Durand, Operations Branch, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513–7587; telephone number (907) 271–5898; fax: (907) 271–2850; email: Bob.Durand@faa.gov. Internet address: <http://www.alaska.faa.gov/at> or at address <http://162.58.28.41/at>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### History

On March 16, 1999, the FAA initiated Airspace Study 99–AAL–022–NR, Proposal to Establish Surface Areas at Aniak and St. Mary's Airports, at the request from Pen Air, Northern Air Cargo, and Arctic Transportation Services to consider the establishment of additional controlled Class E Airspace. These additional controlled Class E airspaces would provide surface areas for aircraft flying IFR at the Aniak and St. Mary's airports.

Concerns expressed included: (1) It is disconcerting to be on an IFR approach knowing that Visual Flight Rule (VFR) aircraft may be in close proximity when the transition is made from IFR to VFR for landing; (2) aircraft are not required to talk on the Common Traffic Advisory Frequency (CTAF); (3) aircraft on instrument approach must mix with VFR aircraft in weather conditions as low as 'clear of clouds' and 'one-mile flight visibility'; and (4) an aircraft on an IFR approach could descend through the clouds and find themselves on a collision course with uncontrolled VFR traffic.

Changes that will result for VFR pilots with the 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; and if the basic VFR weather minimums (§ 91.155) can not be maintained, then a pilot will 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 supportive 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.

On July 30, 1999, a proposal to amend part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) to revise the Class E airspace areas at Aniak, AK, and St. Mary's, AK, was published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 41363). Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking proceeding by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No public comments to the proposal were received; thus, the rule is adopted as written.

The areas will 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 of 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 will be revised and published subsequently in the Order.

#### The Rule

This amendment to 14 CFR part 71 establishes the Class E (surface area) airspace at Aniak, AK, and St. Mary's, AK, at the request of air taxi operators with flight operations at these airports. The area will be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference. The intended effect of this proposal is to provide additional controlled airspace for IFR operations at Aniak, AK, and St. Mary's, AK.

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,