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The Proposal

The FAA is considering an amendment to 14 CFR part 71 to modify class E airspace at Cooperstown, ND, to accommodate aircraft executing instrument flight procedures into and out of Grand Forks International Airport by modifying the existing controlled airspace. A small portion of uncontrolled airspace to the southeast of Cooperstown Airport would be eliminated. The area would be depicted on appropriate aeronautical charts. Class E airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9G dated September 1, 1999, and effective September 16, 1999, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designation 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. 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 as 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, 1959–1964 Comp., P. 389.

§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9G, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 1, 1999, and effective September 16, 1999, is amended as follows:

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

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AGL ND E5 Cooperstown, ND [Revised]

Cooperstown Municipal Airport, ND
(Lat. 47°25'22" N., long. 098°06'21" W.)
Devils Lake VOR/DME

(Lat. 48°06'55" N., long. 098°54'45" W.)
Fargo, Hector International Airport, ND
(Lat. 46°55'10" N., long. 096°48'54" W.)

Grand Forks AFB, ND
(Lat. 47°57'40" N., long. 097°24'04" W.)
Jamestown VOR/DME

(Lat. 46°55'58" N., long. 098°40'44" W.)
Valley City, Barnes County Municipal Airport, ND
(Lat. 46°56'28" N., long. 098°01'03" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.4-mile radius of Cooperstown Municipal Airport and that airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface within an area bounded on the north by V430; on the northeast by the 34.0-mile radius of Grand Forks AFB; on the southeast by the 40.0-mile radius of Fargo, Hector International Airport; on the south by V2-510 east of Valley City, ND, the 7.9-mile radius of Valley City, Barnes County Municipal Airport, and V2-510 west of Valley City, ND; on the southwest by the 16.5-mile radius of the Jamestown VOR/DME; on the west by V170; and on the northwest by the 22.0-mile radius of the Devils Lake VOR/DME.

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Manager, Air Traffic Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 99-AGL-51]

Proposed Establishment of Class E Airspace; Garrison, ND

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This action proposes to establish Class E airspace at Garrison, ND. A Global Positioning System (GPS) Standard Instruction Approach Procedure (SIAP) to Runway (Rwy) 13, and a GPS SIAP to Rwy 31, have been developed for Garrison Municipal Airport. Controlled airspace extending upward from 700 to 1200 feet above ground level (AGL) is needed to contain aircraft executing the approaches. This action would create controlled airspace for Garrison Municipal Airport.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 17, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, AGL-7, Rules Docket No. 99-AGL-51, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018.

The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the Air Traffic Division, Airspace Branch, Federal Aviation Administration, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denis C. Burke, Air Traffic Division, Airspace Branch, AGL-520, Federal Aviation Administration, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018, telephone (847) 294-7568.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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 action must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Airspace Docket No. 99-AGL-51." 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 action may be changed in light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the Rules Docket, FAA, Great Lakes Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois, both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contract 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 Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Public Affairs, Attention: Public Inquiry Center, APA-230, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591, or by calling (202) 267-3484. Communications must identify the docket 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 establish Class E airspace at Garrison, ND, to accommodate aircraft executing the proposed GPS Rwy 13 SIAP and GPS Rwy 31 SIAP at Garrison Municipal Airport by creating controlled airspace for the airport. Controlled airspace extending upward from 700 to 1200 feet AGL is needed to contain aircraft executing the approaches. The area would be depicted on appropriate aeronautical charts. Class E airspace designations for airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9G dated September 1, 1999, and effective September 16, 1999, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR

71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document would be published subsequently in the Order.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

15 CFR Part 287

[Docket No. 981222315-8315-01]

RIN 0693-AB49

Proposed Guidance on Federal Conformity Assessment Activities

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed policy guidance; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), United States Department of Commerce, requests comments on the proposed addition of guidance on Federal conformity assessment activities. In February 1996, The National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 was enacted by Congress. Section 12 of the Act changed the policies contained in the existing Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-119 into law, created additional reporting requirements, and directed NIST to coordinate conformity assessment activities of Federal, state and local entities thus eliminating any unnecessary duplication of conformity assessment activities. OMB Circular A-119, revised February 19, 1998, recognized the conformity assessment requirements and obligations defined in the Act and the role of the Department of Commerce in this area. The Circular directed the Secretary of Commerce to issue guidance to the agencies to ensure effective coordination of Federal conformity assessment activities. This document contains that guidance.

The Director of NIST has decided to include this guidance for conformity assessment activities in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Inclusion in the CFR will make it easier for federal, state and local entities to find the guidance necessary for effective coordination of conformity assessment activities. The provisions are solely intended to be used as guidance for agencies in their conformity assessment activities.