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

Platinum Airport, AK  
(Lat. 59°00'41" N., long. 161°49'11" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.3-mile radius of the Platinum Airport.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA–2004–17019; Airspace Docket No. 04–AAL–02]

#### Proposed Establishment of Class E Airspace; Wales, AK

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This action proposes to establish new Class E airspace at Wales, AK. Two new Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAP) and a new Textual Departure Procedure are being published for the Wales Airport. There

is no existing Class E airspace to contain aircraft executing the new instrument approaches at Wales, AK. Adoption of this proposal would result in the establishment of Class E airspace upward from 700 feet (ft.) and 1,200 ft. above the surface at Wales, AK.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 12, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the proposal to the Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001. You must identify the docket number FAA–2004–17019/ Airspace Docket No. 04–AAL–02, at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.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 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Docket Office (telephone 1–800–647–5527) is on the plaza level of the Department of Transportation NASSIF Building at the above address.

An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the office of the Regional Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, Manager, Operations Branch, AAL–530, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513–7587.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jesse Patterson, AAL–538G, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513–7587; telephone number (907) 271–5898; fax: (907) 271–2850; e-mail: [Jesse.ctr.Patterson@faa.gov](mailto:Jesse.ctr.Patterson@faa.gov). Internet address: <http://www.alaska.faa.gov/at>.

#### 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 both docket numbers and be submitted in triplicate to the address listed above. Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this notice must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped

postcard on which the following statement is made: “Comments to Docket No. FAA–2004–17019/Airspace Docket No. 04–AAL–02.” 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 notice may be changed in light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the public docket both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

#### Availability of Notice of Proposed Rulemaking's (NPRM's)

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded through the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA's web page at <http://www.faa.gov> or the Superintendent of Document's web page at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>.

Additionally, any person may obtain a copy of this notice by submitting a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Air Traffic Airspace Management, ATA–400, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591 or by calling (202) 267–8783. Communications must identify both docket numbers for this notice. Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRMs 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.

#### The Proposal

The FAA is considering an amendment to the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR Part 71) by establishing new Class E airspace at Wales, AK. The intended effect of this proposal is to establish Class E airspace upward from 700 ft. and 1,200 ft. above the surface, to contain Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at Wales, AK.

The FAA Instrument Flight Procedures Production and Maintenance Branch has developed two new SIAPs and a Textual Departure Procedure for the Wales Airport. The new approaches are Area Navigation (Global Positioning System) (RNAV GPS) RWY 18, original and RNAV GPS RWY 36, original. New Class E controlled airspace extending upward

from 700 ft. and 1,200 ft. above the surface within the Wales, Alaska area would be created by this action. The proposed airspace is sufficient to contain aircraft executing the new instrument procedures for the Wales Airport.

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 700/1200 foot transition areas are published in paragraph 6005 in FAA Order 7400.9L, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, dated September 2, 2003, and effective September 16, 2003, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. 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).

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

Wales Airport, AK  
(lat. 65° 37'26" N., long. 168° 05'57" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.35-mile radius of the Wales Airport and that airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface within an area bounded by 65°24'00" N 168°30'00" W to 65°53'00" N 168°30'00" W to 66°00'00" N 167°50'00" W to 65°24'00" N 167°50'00" W to point of beginning excluding that airspace within Tin City Class E airspace area.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### 18 CFR Part 284

[Docket No. RM04–4–000]

#### Creditworthiness Standards for Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines

February 12, 2004.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is proposing to amend its regulations to require interstate natural gas pipelines to follow standardized procedures for

determining the creditworthiness of their shippers. The proposed regulations are intended to promote consistent practices among interstate pipelines and provide shippers with an objective and transparent creditworthiness evaluation. In addition, the Commission is proposing to incorporate by reference standards promulgated by the Wholesale Gas Quadrant of the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) dealing with creditworthiness requirements for pipeline service.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed rule are due March 26, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be filed electronically via the eFiling link on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Commenters unable to file comments electronically must send an original and 14 copies of their comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC, 20426. Refer to the Comment Procedures section of the preamble for additional information on how to file comments.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jason Stanek, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426; (202) 502–8403.

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