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#### **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

#### **Federal Aviation Administration**

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2005-21694; Airspace Docket No. 04-ASO-16]

#### RIN 2120-AA66

Proposed Establishment of Area Navigation Instrument Flight Rules Terminal Transition Routes (RITTR); Jacksonville, FL

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This action proposes to establish seven Area Navigation Instrument Flight Rules Terminal Transition Routes (RITTR) in the Jacksonville, FL, terminal area. RITTRs are low altitude Air Traffic Service routes, based on Area Navigation (RNAV), for use by aircraft having instrument flight rules (IFR)-approved Global Positioning System (GPS)/Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) equipment. The purpose of RITTR is to expedite the handling of IFR overflight aircraft through busy terminal airspace areas. The FAA is proposing this action to enhance the safe and efficient use of the navigable airspace in the Jacksonville, FL, terminal area.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before August 15, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on this 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 FAA Docket No. FAA–2005–21694 and Airspace Docket No. 04–ASO–16, at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments through the Internet at http://dms.dot.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Gallant, Airspace and Rules, Office of System Operations and Safety, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267–8783.

#### 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 (FAA Docket No. FAA–2005–21694 and Airspace Docket No. 04–ASO–16) and be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Management System (see ADDRESSES section for address and phone number). You may also submit comments through the Internet at http://dms.dot.gov.

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 FAA Docket No. FAA–2005–21694 and Airspace Docket No. 04–ASO–16." 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 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 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 Federal Register's Web page at http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html.

You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office (see ADDRESSES section for address and phone number) between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the office of the Regional Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, 1701 Columbia Ave., College Park, GA 30337.

Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRM's should contact the FAA's Office of Rulemaking, (202) 267–9677, for a copy of Advisory Circular No. 11–2A, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Distribution System, which describes the application procedure.

# **Background**

In March 2000, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) requested that the FAA take action to develop and chart IFR RNAV airways for use by aircraft having IFR-approved GPS equipment. Due to the density of air traffic in some areas, en route aircraft are not always able to fly on the existing Federal airway structure when transiting congested terminal airspace. In such cases, air traffic control (ATC) is often required to provide vectors to reroute aircraft transitioning through the area to avoid the heavy flow of arriving and departing aircraft. AOPA stated that RNAV airways should facilitate more direct routings than are possible with the current Federal airway structure and should provide pilots with easier access through terminal airspace. In addition, AOPA encouraged the expanded use of RNAV airways throughout the National Airspace System (NAS).

In response to the AOPA request, a cooperative effort was launched involving the FAA, AOPA, and the Government/Industry Aeronautical Charting Forum. This effort began with the development of RNAV routes to provide more direct routing for en route IFR aircraft to transition through busy terminal airspace areas. This notice proposes to establish seven charted RITTRs for the Jacksonville, FL, terminal area. The RITTRs proposed in this notice would be depicted on the appropriate low altitude IFR en route chart(s).

## **RITTR Objective**

The objective of the RITTR program is to enhance the expeditious movement of suitably equipped IFR aircraft around or through congested terminal airspace using IFR-approved RNAV equipment. RITTRs would enhance the ability of pilots to navigate through the area without reliance on ground-based navigation aids or ATC radar vectors. To facilitate this goal, and reduce ATC workload, RITTR routes would be designed based on the tracks routinely used by ATC to vector aircraft through or around the affected terminal area. Additionally, the routes begin and terminate at fixes or Navigational Aids located along existing VOR Federal airways in order to provide connectivity with the low-altitude en route structure. Initially, only GNSS-equipped aircraft capable of filing flight plan equipment suffix "/G" would be able to use RITTRs.

## **RITTR Identification and Charting**

RITTRs are identified by the letter "T" prefix, followed by a three digit number. The "T" prefix is one of several International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) designators used to identify domestic RNAV routes. ICAO has allocated to the FAA the letter "T" prefix, along with the number block 200 to 500, for this purpose.

RITTRs would be depicted in blue on the appropriate IFR en route low altitude chart(s). Each route depiction would include a GNSS Minimum En route Altitude (MEA) to ensure obstacle clearance and communications reception.

The FAA plans to publish information about the RITTR program in the Aeronautical Information Manual (AIM) and the Notices to Airmen Publication (NTAP). In addition, a Charting Notice would be issued by the FAA's National Aeronautical Charting Office to explain the charting changes associated with the RITTRs.

# **Related Rulemaking**

On April 8, 2003, the FAA published a final rule, request for comments, entitled Designation of Class A, B, C, D, and E Airspace Areas; Air Traffic Service Routes, and Reporting Points, in the Federal Register (68 FR 16943). This rule adopted certain amendments proposed in NoticeNo. 02-20, RNAV and Miscellaneous Amendments. This rule revised and adopted several definitions in FAA regulations, including Air Traffic Service Routes, to be in concert with ICAO definitions. Additionally, the final rule reorganized the structure of FAA regulations concerning the designation of Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, airways, routes, and reporting points. The rule was designed to facilitate the establishment of RNAV routes in the National Airspace System for use by aircraft with advanced navigation system capabilities.

## The Proposal

The FAA is proposing to amend Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 to establish seven RITTRs in the Jacksonville, FL, terminal area. The routes would be designated T–204, T–205, T–206, T–207, T–208, T–210, and T–211, and would be depicted on the appropriate IFR Enroute Low Altitude charts. RITTRs are low altitude Air Traffic Service routes, similar to VOR Federal airways, but based on GNSS navigation. RNAV-equipped aircraft capable of filing flight plan equipment suffix "/G" may file for these routes.

This proposed action would enhance safety and facilitate more flexible and efficient use of the navigable airspace for en route IFR aircraft transitioning through the Jacksonville, FL, terminal area.

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 Department of Transportation (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, 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, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE 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, 1959–1963 Comp., p. 389.

## §71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order 7400.9M, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 30, 2004, and effective September 16, 2004, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6011—Area Navigation Routes

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T-204 Taylor, FL to Brunswick, GA [New]
                                                               (Lat. 30°30'17" N., long. 82°33'11" W.)
Taylor, FL (TAY)
                                  VORTAC
Brunswick, GA (SSI)
                                  VORTAC
                                                               (Lat. 31°03'02" N., long. 81°26'46" W.)
T-205 Valdosta, GA to Ocala, FL [New]
                                  VOR/DME
Valdosta, GA (OTK)
                                                               (Lat. 30°46′50" N., long. 83°16′47" W.)
                                                               (Lat. 29°10'39" N., long. 82°13'35" W.)
Ocala, FL (OCF)
                                  VORTAC
T-206 Cross City, FL to MONIA [New]
Cross City, FL (CTY)
                                  VORTAC
                                                               (Lat. 29°35′57" N., long. 83°02′55" W.)
MONIA
                                                               (Lat. 30°28'49" N., long. 82°02'53" W.)
T-207 Waycross, GA to Ormond Beach, FL [New]
                                                               (Lat. 31°16′10″ N., long. 82°33′23″ W.)
Waycross, GA (AYS)
                                  VORTAC
                                                               (Lat. 30°28'49" N., long. 82°02'53" W.)
MONIA, FL
                                  WP
                                                               (Lat. 30°12′47″ N., long. 81°53′27″ W.)
(Lat. 29°43′51″ N., long. 81°36′29″ W.)
Cecil, FL (VQQ)
                                  VOR
CARRA
                                  WP
Ormond Beach, FL (OMN)
                                                               (Lat. 29°18′12″ N., long. 81°06′46″ W.)
                                  VORTAC
T-208 Gators, FL to CARRA [New]
                                  VORTAC
                                                               (Lat. 29°41'32" N., long. 82°16'23" W.)
Gators, FL (GVN)
                                                               (Lat. 29°43′51" N., long. 81°36′29" W.)
CARRA
                                  WP
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T-210 Taylor, FL to Cecil, FL [New]
Taylor, FL (TAY) VORTAC
Cecil, FL (VQQ) VOR
T-211 Ocala, FL to CARRA [New]
Ocala, FL (OCF) VORTAC

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CARRA WP

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Acting Manager, Airspace and Rules.
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#### **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

#### **Federal Aviation Administration**

# 14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2005-21257; Airspace Docket No. 05-AGL-05]

# Proposed Modification of Class E Airspace; Akron, OH

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This document proposes to modify Class E airspace at Akron, OH. An Airship RNAV Global Positioning System 263° Standard Instrument Approach Procedure has been developed for Wingfoot Lake Airship Operations Airport, Akron Suffield, OH. Controlled airspace extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth is needed to contain aircraft executing this approach. This action would increase the area of the existing controlled airspace for Akron, OH.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before September 3, 2005.

**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-2005-21257/ Airspace Docket No. 05-AGL-05, 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.

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An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at FAA Terminal Operations, Central Service Office, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J.

Mark Reeves, FAA Terminal Operations, Central Service Office, Airspace and Procedures Branch, AGL–530, Federal Aviation Administration, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018, telephone (847) 294–7568.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Interested parties are invited to

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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 document must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket No. FAA-2005-21257/Airspace Docket No. 05-AGL-05." 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 Regional Counsel, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois, 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.

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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 NPRM's 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 14 CFR part 71 to modify Class E airspace at Akron, OH, for Wingfoot Lake Airship Operations Airport. Controlled airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface of the earth is needed to contain aircraft executing instrument approach procedures. Class E airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet above the surface of the earth are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9M dated August 30, 2004, and effective September 16, 2004, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E designations listed in this document would be removed subsequently in the Order.

The FAA has determined that this proposed regulation only involves an establishment 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 "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 25, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a Regulatory Evaluation as the anticipated