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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

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§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9N, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, dated September 1, 2005, and effective September 15, 2005, is to be amended as follows:

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

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AAL AK E5 Kuparuk, AK [New]

Ugnu-Kuparuk Airport, AK
(Lat. 70°19′51″ N., long. 149°35′51″ W.)
Pitsand NDB
(Lat. 70°19′41″ N., long. 149°38′07″ W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7-mile radius of the Ugnu-Kuparuk Airport, and within 8 miles north and 4 miles south of the 078° bearing of the Pitsand NDB extending from the 7-mile radius to 16 miles east of the Pitsand NDB and within 8 miles north and 4 miles south of the 258° bearing of the Pitsand NDB extending from the 7-mile radius to 16 miles west of the Pitsand NDB.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA–2006–23711; Airspace Docket No. 06–AAL–04]

Proposed Revision of Class E Airspace; Middleton Island, AK

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This action proposes to revise Class E airspace at Middleton Island, AK. Two Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPs) are being revised, and two SIAPs are being produced for the Middleton Island Airport. Adoption of this proposal would result in revision of Class E airspace upward from 700 feet (ft.) and 1,200 ft. above the surface at Middleton Island, AK.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 3, 2006.

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–2006–23711/ Airspace Docket No. 06–AAL–04, 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 Manager, Safety, Alaska Flight Service Operations, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513–7587.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Rolf, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513–7587; telephone number (907) 271–5898; fax: (907) 271–2850; e-mail: gary.ctr.rolf@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–2006–23711/ Airspace Docket No. 06–AAL–04.” 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 Rulemakings (NPRMs)

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 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 the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR Part 71), which would revise the Class E airspace at Middleton Island, AK. The intended effect of this proposal is to revise Class E airspace upward from 700 ft. and 1,200 ft. above the surface to contain Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at Middleton Island, AK.

The FAA Instrument Flight Procedures Production and Maintenance Branch has amended two SIAPs and created two new SIAPs for the Middleton Island Airport. The amended approaches are (1) Very High Frequency Omni-directional Range (VOR) Runway (RWY) 01, Amendment (Amdt) 2; and (2) VOR/Distance Measuring Equipment (DME) RWY 19, Amdt 5. The new approaches are (1) Area Navigation (Global Positioning System) (RNAV (GPS)) RWY 01, Original; and (2) RNAV (GPS) RWY 19, Original. This action would modify the Class E controlled airspace extending upward from 700 ft. and 1,200 ft. above the surface near the Middleton Island Airport. The proposed airspace is sufficient in size to contain aircraft

executing instrument procedures at the Middleton Island 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 7400.9N, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, dated September 1, 2005, and effective September 15, 2005, 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.

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AAL AK E5 Middleton Island, AK [Revised]

Middleton Island Airport, AK
(Lat. 59°27'00" N., long. 146°18'26" W.)
Middleton Island VOR/DME
(Lat. 59°25'19" N., long. 146°21'00" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.5-mile radius of the Middleton Island Airport, and within 4 miles either side of the 038° radial of the Middleton Island VOR/DME extending from the 6.5-mile radius to 12 miles northeast of the VOR/DME, and that airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface within a 42-mile radius of the Middleton Island VOR/DME.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Parts 121 and 135

[Docket No. FAA-2005-22593]

Mode S Transponder Requirements in the National Airspace System

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.