

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—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR Part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. app. 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854; 24 FR 9565, 3CFR, 1959–1963 Comp., p. 389; 49 U.S.C. 106(g); 14 CFR 11.69.

§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9D, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, dated September 4, 1996, and effective September 16, 1996, is amended as follows:

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

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ASW AR E5 Carlisle, AR [Revised]

Carlisle Municipal Airport, AR
(Lat. 34°48'30" N, long. 91°42'43" W)
Stuttgart Municipal Airport
(Lat. 34°36'02" N, long. 91°34'28" W)
Stuttgart NDB
(Lat. 34°39'52" N, long. 91°35'31" W)
Almyra Municipal, AR
(Lat. 34°24'44" N, long. 91°27'52" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7-mile radius of Carlisle Municipal Airport and within a 6.7-mile radius of Stuttgart Municipal Airport and within 3.1 miles each side of the 350° bearing from the Stuttgart NDB extending from the 6.7-mile radius to 14.4-miles north of the airport, and within a 6.4-mile radius of Almyra Municipal Airport excluding that airspace within the Little Rock, AR, Class E airspace area.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 71**

[Airspace Docket No. 97–ASW–05]

Revocation of Class E Airspace; Alice, TX

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Direct final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This action revokes the Class E surface airspace at Alice, TX. Communication capability with aircraft operating within the surface area no longer exists; therefore, Class E surface airspace designated to provide controlled airspace for terminal instrument operations is no longer required. This action is intended to revoke Class E surface airspace for aircraft operating under Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) for terminal operations at Alice International Airport, Alice, TX.

DATES: *Effective:* 0901 UTC, September 11, 1997. *Comment date:* Comments must be received on or before July 22, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the rule in triplicate to Manager, Airspace Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration Southwest Region, Docket No. 97–ASW–05, Fort Worth, TX 76193–0520. The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Room 663, Fort Worth, TX, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the Airspace Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Room 414, Fort Worth, TX.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald J. Day, Airspace Branch, Air Traffic Division, Southwest Region, Federal Aviation Administration, Fort Worth, TX 76193–0520, telephone 817–222–5593.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This amendment to part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) revokes the Class E surface airspace, providing controlled airspace for IFR terminal operations at Alice International Airport, Alice, TX. The air traffic control facility no longer has the capability to communicate with aircraft operating on the ground surface of the

airport. Without communication capability to the surface, there is no requirement for controlled airspace for terminal instrument operations. This revocation will avoid confusion on the part of the pilots flying near the airport, and promote the safe and efficient handling of air traffic in the area. This action will revoke the Class E surface airspace at Alice International Airport, Alice, TX.

Class E airspace designations are published in Paragraph 6002 of FAA Order 7400.9D, dated September 4, 1996, and effective September 16, 1996, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in the order.

The Direct Final Rule Procedure

The FAA anticipates that this regulation will not result in adverse or negative comment and therefore is issuing it as a direct final rule. A substantial number of previous opportunities provided to the public to comment on substantially identical actions have resulted in negligible adverse comments or objections. Unless a written adverse or negative comment, or a written notice of intent to submit an adverse or negative comment is received within the comment period, the regulation will become effective on the date specified above. After the close of the comment period, the FAA will publish a document in the **Federal Register** indicating that no adverse or negative comments were received and confirming the date on which the final rule will become effective. If the FAA does receive, within the comment period, an adverse or negative comment, or written notice of intent to submit such a comment, a document withdrawing the direct final rule will be published in the **Federal Register**, and a notice of proposed rulemaking may be published with a new comment period.

Comments Invited

Although this action is in the form of a final rule and was not preceded by a notice of proposed rulemaking, comments are invited on this rule. Interested persons are invited to comment on this rule by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications should identify the Rules Docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address specified under the caption **ADDRESSES**. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments will be considered, and this rule may be amended or withdrawn in light of the comments received. Factual information that supports the

commenter's ideas and suggestions is extremely helpful in evaluating the effectiveness of this action and determining whether additional rulemaking action is needed.

Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the rule that might suggest a need to modify the rule. All comments submitted will be available, both before and after the closing date for comments, in the Rules Docket for examination by interested persons. A report that summarizes each FAA-public contact concerned with the substance of this action will be filed in the Rules Docket.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments submitted in response to this rule must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket No. 97-ASW-05." The postcard will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

Agency Findings

The regulations adopted herein will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various level of government. Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 12612, it is determined that this final rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Further, the FAA has determined that this regulation is noncontroversial and unlikely to result in adverse or negative comments and only involves an established body of technical regulations that require frequent and routine amendments to keep them operationally current. Therefore, I certify that this 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) if promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. Since this rule involves routine matters that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it does not warrant preparation of a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis because the anticipated impact is so minimal.

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Adoption of the Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR Part 71 as follows:

PART 71—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR Part 17 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. app. 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854; 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389; 49 U.S.C. 106(g); 14 CFR 11.69.

§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9D, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, dated September 4, 1996, and effective September 16, 1996, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6002 Class E airspace designated as a surface area for an airport

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ASW TX E2 Alice, TX [Revoked]

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 97-ASW-07]

Revision of Class E Airspace; Athens, TX

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Direct final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This action revises the Class E airspace at Athens, TX. The development of a Nondirectional Radio Beacon (NDB) Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP) to Runway (RWY) 17 at Lockridge Ranch Airport has made this rule necessary. This action is intended to provide adequate Class E airspace for aircraft operating under Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) and executing the NDB SIAP at Lockridge Ranch Airport, Athens, TX.

DATES: *Effective:* 0901 UTC, September 11, 1997.

Comment date: Comments must be received on or before July 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the rule in triplicate to Manager, Airspace

Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration Southwest Region, Docket No. 97-ASW-07, Fort Worth, TX 76193-0520. The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Room 663, Fort Worth, TX, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the Airspace Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Room 414, Fort Worth, TX.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald J. Day, Airspace Branch, Air Traffic Division, Southwest Region, Federal Aviation Administration, Fort Worth, TX 76193-0520, telephone 817-222-5593.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This amendment to part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) revises the Class E airspace, providing controlled airspace for IFR operations at Lockridge Ranch Airport, Athens, TX. The development of a NDB SIAP to RWY 17 requires revision of the Class E airspace for aircraft operating in the vicinity of the airport. This revision will avoid confusion on the part of the pilots flying near the airport, and promote the safe and efficient handling of air traffic in the area. This action will revise the Class E airspace at Athens, TX.

Class E airspace designations are published in Paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9D, dated September 4, 1996, and effective September 16, 1996, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in the order.

The Direct Final Rule Procedure

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