

above the surface of the earth are published in paragraph 6005, of FAA Order 7400.9E, dated September 10, 1997, and effective September 16, 1997, 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 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

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

PART 71—[AMENDED]

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 the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 10, 1997, and effective September 16, 1997, is amended as follows:

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

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AGL MI E2 Escanaba, MI [Revised]

Escanaba, Delta County Airport, MI
(lat. 45°43'22" N, long. 87°05'37" W)
Escanaba VORTAC
(lat. 45°43'22" N, long. 87°05'23" W)

Within a 4.3-mile radius of the Escanaba VORTAC; and within 2.6 miles each side of the Escanaba VORTAC 007° radial, extending

from the 4.3-mile radius to 7.4 miles north of the VORTAC; and within 2.6 miles each side of the Escanaba VORTAC 101° radial, extending from the 4.3-mile radius to 7.4 miles east of the VORTAC; and within 2.6 miles each side of the Escanaba VORTAC 266° radial, extending from the 4.3-mile radius to 7.0 miles west of the VORTAC; and within 3.2-miles each side of the Escanaba VORTAC 171° radial, extending from the 4.3-mile radius to 7.0 miles south of the VORTAC. This Class E airspace is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously be published in the Airport/Facility Directory.

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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 MI E5 Escanaba, MI [Revised]

Escanaba, Delta County Airport, MI
(lat. 45°43'22" N, long. 87°05'37" W)
Escanaba VORTAC
(lat. 45°43'22" N, long. 87°05'23" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.8-mile radius of the Escanaba VORTAC; and within 2.6 miles each side of the Escanaba VORTAC 007° radial, extending from the 6.8-mile radius to 7.4 miles north of the VORTAC; and within 2.6 miles each side of the Escanaba VORTAC 101° radial, extending from the 6.8-mile radius to 7.8 miles east of the VORTAC; and within 2.6 miles north and 3.5 miles south of the Escanaba VORTAC 270° radial, extending from the 6.8-mile radius to 11.7 miles west of the VORTAC; and within 3.2 miles each side of the Escanaba VORTAC 171° radial, extending from the 6.8-mile radius to 7.0 miles south of the VORTAC.

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Maureen Woods,

Manager, Air Traffic Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 73

[Airspace Docket No. 96–ASW–40]

RIN 2120–AA66

Proposed Amendments to Restricted Areas 5601D and 5601E; Fort Sill, OK

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This notice proposes to raise the upper limit of Restricted Area 5601D (R–5601D) from the current 16,500 feet mean sea level (MSL) to flight level (FL)

400. Additionally, this notice proposes to amend the times of designation for R–5601D and R–5601E by expanding the time frame during which these areas may be activated without a prior issuance of a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM). The FAA is proposing these changes to accommodate high altitude/high angle bomb delivery training and to support weekday and night flying requirements.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 26, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Manager, Air Traffic Division, ASW–500, Docket No. 96–ASW–40, Federal Aviation Administration, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX 76193–0500.

The official docket may be examined in the Rules Docket, Office of the Chief Counsel, Room 916, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, weekdays, except Federal holidays, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the Office of the Regional Air Traffic Division, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX 76193–0500.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steve Brown, Airspace and Rules Division, ATA–400, Office of Air Traffic Airspace Management, 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 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 notice must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: “Comments to Airspace Docket No. 96–ASW–40.” The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter. Send comments on environmental and land use aspects to: Commander, USAFACFS, ATTN:

ATZR-B (Mr. Barnett), Fort Sill, OK 73503-5100, Telephone (405) 442-2715.

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 Rules 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

Any person may obtain a copy of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) by submitting a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Public Affairs, Attention: Public Inquiry Center, APA-200; 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, or by calling (202) 267-3485. Communications must identify the notice 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 proposing an amendment to 14 CFR part 73 to raise the upper limit of R-5601D from the current 16,500 feet MSL to FL 400. The horizontal boundaries of the restricted area would not be changed by this proposal. The United States Air Force (USAF) requested this change to R-5601D in order to contain high-altitude jet aircraft bombing patterns into the Falcon Range target area located in R-5601C.

Although R-5601C airspace extends to FL 400, there is not enough maneuvering airspace to allow jet aircraft to climb to the required delivery altitudes before final approach into the target area. Raising the upper limit of R-5601D to FL 400 would alleviate this airspace problem and allow for quality high altitude/high angle bomb delivery training, a USAF pilot requirement for "mission ready" status.

Additionally, this notice proposes to expand the times of designation for R-5601D and R-5601E from the current "Sunrise to sunset, Tuesday through Saturday; other times by NOTAM" to "Sunrise to 2200, Monday-Friday; other times by NOTAM." This proposed expansion in the times of designation is necessary to accommodate a change in flying requirements by both the 301st Fighter Wing, Carswell Field, TX, and

the 88th Training Wing at Sheppard AFB, TX. Although there will still be occasional weekend flying, most activity will occur during weekdays. The extension of flying times beyond sunset is necessary due to a new USAF training requirement to fly sorties at night.

The FAA has determined that this 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.

Environmental Review

This proposal will be subjected to an environmental analysis by the proponent and the FAA prior to any FAA final regulatory action.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 73

Airspace, Navigation (air).

The Proposed Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 73 as follows:

PART 73—SPECIAL USE AIRSPACE

1. The authority citation for part 73 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.

§ 73.56 [Amended]

2. § 73.56 is amended as follows:

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R-5601D Fort Sill, OK [Amended]

By removing the current "Designated altitudes. 500 feet AGL to 16,500 feet MSL" and substituting "Designated altitudes. 500 feet AGL to FL 400" and also by removing "Time of designation. Sunrise to sunset, Tuesday through Saturday; other times by NOTAM" and substituting "Time of designation. Sunrise to 2200, Monday through Friday; other times by NOTAM."

R-5601E Fort Sill, OK [Amended]

By removing the current "Time of designation. Sunrise to sunset, Tuesday through Saturday; other times by NOTAM" and substituting "Time of designation. Sunrise to 2200, Monday through Friday; other times by NOTAM."

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Issued in Washington, DC, on October 29, 1997.

Reginald C. Matthews,

*Acting Program Director for Air Traffic
Airspace Management.*

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 21

RIN 2900-A185

Veterans' Training: Time Limit for Submitting Certifications Under the Service Members Occupational Conversion and Training Act

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.
ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document proposes to amend the training assistance and training benefit regulations of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). It proposes to place deadlines for submitting the certifications needed for both periodic payments and lump-sum deferred-incentive payments under the Service Members Occupational Conversion and Training Act (SMOCTA). Since the Act has a sunset provision, all work for which payments are due has been completed. This proposal would allow VA to close the administration of SMOCTA.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand deliver written comments to: Director, Office of Regulations Management (02D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW, Room 1154, Washington, DC 20420. Comments should indicate that they are submitted in response to "RIN 2900-A185". All written comments received will be available for public inspection at the above address in the Office of Regulations Management, Room 1158, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June C. Schaeffer, Assistant Director for Policy and Program Administration,