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The Proposal

The FAA proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 by establishing Class E airspace at Anaktuvuk Pass, AK, due to the establishment of GPS and NDB instrument approaches to Anaktuvuk Pass, AK. The Anaktuvuk Pass Airport status will be upgraded from VFR to IFR. The intended effect of this proposal is to provide adequate controlled airspace for IFR operations at Anaktuvuk Pass, AK.

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 7400.9E, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, dated September 10, 1997, and effective September 16, 1997, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 (62 FR 52491; October 8, 1997). The Class E airspace listed in this document would be published in the Order.

The FAA has determined that these proposed regulations only involve 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).

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

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR 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 Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9E, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, dated September 10, 1997, and effective September 16, 1997, is to be 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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AAL AK E5 Anaktuvuk Pass, AK

Anaktuvuk Pass Airport, AK
(lat. 68° 08'04" N., long. 151° 44'30" W.)
Anaktuvuk Pass VORTAC
(lat. 68° 08'12" N., long. 151° 44'39" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.4-mile radius of the Anaktuvuk Pass Airport and within 5 miles either side of the Anaktuvuk Pass NDB 240° bearing extending from the NDB to 7 miles southwest of the airport.

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Trent S. Cummings,

Acting Manager, Air Traffic Division, Alaskan Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 97-ASW-23]

Proposed Modification to the Gulf of Mexico Low Offshore Airspace Area

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This action proposes to amend the Gulf of Mexico Low Offshore Airspace Area. Specifically, this action proposes to modify the Gulf of Mexico Low Offshore Airspace Area by extending the boundaries further south and southwest of the current location to the Houston Air Route Traffic Control Center [ARTCC] Flight Information Region/Control Area (FIR/CTA). This proposal would provide additional airspace in which domestic air traffic control procedures would be used to separate and manage aircraft operations. This proposed change would enhance the efficient utilization of that airspace.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 8, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Manager, Air Traffic Division, ASW-500, Docket No. 97-ASW-23, Federal Aviation Administration, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX 76193-0001.

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, Federal Aviation Administration, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX 76193-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sheri Edgett Baron, 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. 97-ASW-23.” 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 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 NPRM by submitting a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Air Traffic Airspace Management, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, or by calling (202) 267-8783. Communications must identify the notice number of this NPRM. Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRM's should call 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

On March 2, 1993, the FAA published a final rule (58 FR 12128) which, in part, redesignated certain control areas over international waters as offshore airspace areas. The redesignations were necessary to comply with the Airspace Reclassification final rule issued on December 17, 1991 (56 FR 65638).

One of the areas affected by the March 2, 1993, final rule was the Gulf of Mexico Control Area. This area was divided vertically into two areas, one of which was redesignated as the Gulf of Mexico Low Offshore Airspace Area.

In June 1996 the FAA completed an evaluation of the airspace over the Gulf of Mexico. The evaluation was a combined effort with representatives from the FAA, Servicios a la Navegacion en El Espacio Aereo Mexicano, and other airspace users. The objective of the evaluation was, in part, to identify areas where air traffic services, air traffic operations, and utilization of airspace could be improved. One conclusion of this evaluation was the determination that system capacity would be enhanced by modifying air traffic control (ATC) procedures used to control aircraft

operations in the airspace over the Gulf of Mexico.

Currently, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) oceanic ATC procedures are used to separate and manage aircraft operations that extend beyond the lateral boundary of the existing Gulf of Mexico Low Offshore Airspace Area. Modifying the Gulf of Mexico Low Offshore Airspace Area by extending the boundaries further south and southwest of the current location to the Houston ARTCC FIR/CTA, would allow the application of domestic ATC separation procedures over a larger area. This proposal to modify the offshore airspace area would enhance system capacity and allow for more efficient utilization of that airspace.

The Proposal

The FAA is proposing an amendment to part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) to modify the Gulf of Mexico Low Offshore Airspace Area, by extending the present airspace boundaries further south and southwest of the current location to the Houston ARTCC FIR/CTA. This proposed modification would allow the application of domestic ATC separation procedures, in lieu of ICAO separation procedures, which would enhance system capacity and allow for more efficient utilization of that airspace.

Offshore airspace area designations are published in paragraph 6007 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 offshore airspace area 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. 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.

ICAO Considerations

As part of this proposal relates to navigable airspace outside the United States, this notice is submitted in accordance with the ICAO International Standards and Recommended Practices.

The application of International Standards and Recommended Practices by the FAA, Office of Air Traffic Airspace Management, in areas outside U.S. domestic airspace is governed by the Convention on International Civil Aviation. Specifically, the FAA is governed by Article 12 and Annex 11, which pertain to the establishment of necessary air navigational facilities and services to promote the safe, orderly, and expeditious flow of civil air traffic. The purpose of the document is to ensure that civil aircraft operations on international air routes are performed under uniform conditions.

The International Standards and Recommended Practices in Annex 11 apply to airspace under the jurisdiction of a contracting state, derived from ICAO. Annex 11 provisions apply when air traffic services are provided and a contracting state accepts the responsibility of providing air traffic services over high seas or in airspace of undetermined sovereignty. A contracting state accepting this responsibility may apply the International Standards and Recommended Practices that are consistent with standards and practices utilized in its domestic jurisdiction.

In accordance with Article 3 of the Convention, state owned aircraft are exempt from the Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 11. The United States is a contracting state to the Convention. Article 3(d) of the Convention provides that participating state aircraft will be operated in international airspace with due regard for the safety of civil aircraft.

Since this action involves, in part, the designation of navigable airspace outside the United States, the Administrator is consulting with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 10854.

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

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 6007—Offshore Airspace Areas
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Gulf of Mexico Low [Revised]

That airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet MSL bounded on the west, north, and east by a line 12 miles offshore and parallel to the Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida shorelines; bounded on the south from east to west by the southern boundary of the Jacksonville Air Route Traffic Control Center, Miami Oceanic CTA/FIR, Merida UTA/UIR, Houston CTA/FIR; Monterrey UTA/UIR, Houston CTA/FIR; to the point of beginning.

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Issued in Washington, DC, on July 29, 1998.

Reginald C. Matthews,

Acting Program Director for Air Traffic Airspace Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

24 CFR Parts 5, 200, 207, 236, 266, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 886, 891, 965, 982, and 983

[Docket Nos. FR–4280–N–02 and FR–4321–N–02]

RIN Nos. 2501–AC45 and 2501–AC49

Notice of Re-Opening of Public Comment Periods on Uniform Physical Condition Standards and Physical Inspection Requirements for Certain HUD Housing and Uniform Financial Reporting Standards for HUD Housing Programs Proposed Rules

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HUD.

ACTION: Proposed rules; Notice of re-opening of public comment periods.

SUMMARY: On June 30, 1998, HUD published proposed rules that would

establish uniform physical condition standards for housing assisted under certain HUD programs (FR–4280), and uniform annual financial reporting standards for HUD's Public Housing, Section 8 housing, and multifamily insured housing programs (FR–4321). The public comment period on these proposed rules ended July 30, 1998. This notice re-opens the public comment period on these two proposed rules to August 13, 1998.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* August 13, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding these proposed rules to the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Room 10276, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410. Communications should refer to the above docket numbers and titles. Facsimile (FAX) comments are *not* acceptable. A copy of each communication submitted will be available for public inspection and copying between 7:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. weekdays at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information contact the Real Estate Assessment Center, Attention: William Thorson, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 4900 L'Enfant Plaza East, SW, Room 8204, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 755–0102 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access that number via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 30, 1998, HUD published proposed rules that would establish uniform physical condition standards for housing assisted under certain HUD programs (FR–4280, at 63 FR 35650), and uniform annual financial reporting standards for HUD's Public Housing, Section 8 housing, and multifamily insured housing programs (FR–4321, at 63 FR 35662).

The public comment period on these proposed rules ended July 30, 1998. A number of interested parties have requested additional time to submit their comments. Accordingly, the Department has decided to re-open the public comment period on these two proposed rules to August 13, 1998.

Dated: July 31, 1998.

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Assistant General Counsel for Regulations.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Part 1

[REG–209682–94]

RIN 1545–AS39

Adjustments Following Sales of Partnership Interests

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Change of time and location of public hearing, and extension of time to request to speak.

SUMMARY: This document changes the time and location of the public hearing and extends the date by which commentators should submit requests to speak on proposed regulations relating to the optional adjustments to the basis of partnership property following certain transfers of partnership interests under section 743, the calculation of gain or loss under section 751(a) following the sale or exchange of a partnership interest, the allocation of basis adjustments among partnership assets under section 755, the allocation of a partner's basis in its partnership interest to properties distributed to the partner by the partnership under section 732(c), and the computation of a partner's proportionate share of the adjusted basis of depreciable property (or depreciable real property) under section 1017. In addition, this document announces that persons wishing to testify who are outside the Washington, DC area will be able to make their presentations from a remote teleconference site in Los Angeles, CA.

DATES: The public hearing is being held on Thursday, September 10, 1998, beginning at 1 p.m. (EDT). Requests to speak and outlines of oral comments must be received by Thursday, August 27, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held in room 3411, Internal Revenue Building, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The address of the remote teleconference site is listed below under Supplementary Information.

Requests to speak and outlines of oral comments should be mailed to Room 5226, Internal Revenue Service, POB 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044. Submissions may be hand delivered between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to CC:DOM:CORP:R (REG–209682–94), Courier's Desk, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. Alternatively, taxpayers may submit comments electronically via the Internet