

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 would only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this proposed rule would not have 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—[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 Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9F, dated September 10, 1998, and effective September 16, 1998, is proposed 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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#### AEA NJ E5 Linden, NJ [Revised]

Linden Airport, NJ

(Lat. 40°37'04" N., long. 74°14'40" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6-mile radius of Linden Airport and within a 11-mile radius of Linden Airport extending clockwise from a 200° bearing to a 244° bearing from the airport, excluding the portion that coincides with the New York, NY, and Old Bridge, NJ, Class E airspace areas.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 98–ASO–26]

#### Proposed Amendment of Class E Airspace; Griffin, GA

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This notice proposes to amend Class E airspace at Griffin, GA. A Non-Directional Beacon (NDB) Runway (RWY) 32 Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP) has been developed for Griffin-Spalding County Airport. The out-bound course from the Griffin NDB for the NDB RWY 32 SIAP will be the 141 degree bearing. As a result, the length of the Class E airspace extension southeast of the NDB would be increased from 6.3 miles to 10.5 miles and the width of the airspace extension would be 5.2 miles.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 25, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Docket No. 98–ASO–26, Manager, Airspace Branch, ASO–520, P.O. Box 20636, Atlanta, Georgia 30320.

The official docket may be examined in the Office of Regional Counsel for Southern Region, Room 550, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, Georgia 30337, telephone (404) 305–5627.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy B. Shelton, Manager, Airspace Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, P.O. Box 20636, Atlanta, Georgia 30320; telephone (404) 305–5627.

#### 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. 98–ASO–26.” The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter. All communications received 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 the comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the Office of Regional Counsel for Southern Region, Room 550, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, Georgia 30337, 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 NPRMs

Any person may obtain a copy of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) by submitting a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, Manager, Airspace Branch, ASO–520, Air Traffic Division, P.O. Box 20636, Atlanta, Georgia 30320. Communications must identify the notice number of this NPRM. Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRMs should also request a copy of Advisory Circular No. 11–2A which describes the application procedure.

#### The Proposal

The FAA is considering an amendment to part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 71) to amend Class E airspace at Griffin, GA. A NDB RWY 32 SIAP has been developed to the Griffin-Spalding County Airport. As a result, the length of the Class E airspace extension southeast of the NDB would be increased from 6.3 miles to 10.5 miles and the width of the airspace extension would be 5.2 miles. Class E airspace designations for airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface are published in Paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9F, dated September 10, 1998, and effective September 16, 1998, 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. 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 11035; 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 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 7400.9F, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 10, 1998, and effective September 16, 1998, 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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#### ASO GA E5 Griffin, GA [Reserved]

Griffin-Spalding County Airport  
(Lat. 33°13'37" N, long. 84°16'30" W)  
Griffin NDB

(Lat. 33°11'03" N, long. 84°13'39" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth within a 6.3 mile radius of Griffin-Spalding County Airport and within 2.6 miles from either side of the 141 degree bearing from the

Griffin NDB, extending from the 6.3-mile radius to 10.5 miles southeast of the NDB.

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**Wade Carpenter,**

*Acting Manager, Air Traffic Division,  
Southern Region.*

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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

### 20 CFR Parts 404 and 422

[Regulations Nos. 4 and 22]

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#### Federal Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance; Employer Identification Numbers for State and Local Government Employment

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration (SSA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rules.

**SUMMARY:** We propose to amend our current rules dealing with the special identification numbers we issue to States that submit modifications to their voluntary social security coverage group agreements. Under the proposed revision, we would issue special identification numbers only in cases where a modification extends coverage to periods prior to 1987. This revision will permit SSA to divert scarce SSA resources to other priority workloads without adversely affecting State recordkeeping operations.

**DATES:** To be sure that your comments are considered, we must receive them no later than February 22, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be submitted in writing to the Commissioner of Social Security, P.O. Box 1585, Baltimore, MD 21235, sent by telefax to (410) 966–2830, sent by e-mail to regulations@ssa.gov, or delivered to the Social Security Administration, 2109 West Low Rise Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on regular business days. Comments may be inspected during these hours by making arrangements with the contact person shown below. The electronic file of this document is available on the Internet at [www.access.gpo.gov/nara](http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara) at 6:00 a.m. on the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Augustine, Legal Assistant, Office of Process and Innovation Management, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235, (410) 966–5121 or

TTY (410) 966–5609 for information about this rule. For information on eligibility or claiming benefits, call our national toll-free number, 1–800–772–1213 or TTY 1–800–325–0778.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 205(c)(2)(A) of the Social Security Act (the Act) requires SSA to maintain a record of the wages and self-employment income of each individual. The record is identified by the individual's social security number. Wages posted to an individual's record are based on wage reports submitted to SSA and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) by employers. IRS regulations at 26 CFR 31.6011(a)–1 require an employer to file returns required under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) with IRS each year and IRS regulations at 26 CFR 31.6051–2 and 31.6091–1(d) require an employer to file wage reports with SSA each year. These requirements are also explained on wage reporting forms and in related instructions issued by SSA and IRS. To help account for these returns and reports, IRS assigns an employer identification number (EIN) to most employers. Additionally, SSA assigns a special identification number to each political subdivision of a State which is included in a modification to the State's coverage agreement under section 218 of the Act. These special identification numbers must currently be issued to any State that requests a modification of its coverage agreement, and to interstate instrumentalities if pre-1987 coverage is obtained. However, for SSA program purposes, such numbers are necessary only if the modification covers wages for years prior to 1987. In cases where the modification does not cover pre-1987 wages, the number is assigned solely for State bookkeeping purposes.

#### Explanation of Proposed Changes

We propose to modify paragraph (a) of § 404.1220 and paragraph (b) of § 422.112 of our regulations to indicate that we will issue a special identification number to each political subdivision of a State included in a modification to the State's voluntary coverage agreement under section 218 of the Act only if the modification extends coverage to periods prior to 1987. States will be free to assign their own identification numbers to employers covered under modifications that do not cover pre-1987 earnings, so that these proposed rules will have no adverse impact on State recordkeeping operations. This proposal will permit SSA to divert scarce resources to other priority workloads.