

No. 11–2A, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Distribution System, which describes the application procedure.

### The Proposal

The FAA is considering an amendment to Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71, to establish Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet (ft.) above the surface at Pt. Thompson, AK. Controlled airspace is necessary to accommodate two special IAPs developed for the Pt. Thompson Airport. They are the Area Navigation (RNAV) Global Positioning System (GPS) Runway (RWY) 4, Original, and the RNAV (GPS) RWY 22, Original. The textual ODP is unnamed. The FAA is proposing this action for the safety and management of IFR operations at the Pt. Thompson Airport, Pt. Thompson, AK.

The Class E airspace areas designated as 700/1200 foot transition areas are published in paragraph 6005 in FAA Order 7400.9T, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, signed August 27, 2009, and effective September 15, 2009, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designations listed in this document would be subsequently published 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.

The FAA’s authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle 1, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency’s authority.

This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart 1, Section 40103, Sovereignty and use of airspace. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to ensure

the safe and efficient use of the navigable airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it proposes to establish Class E airspace at the Pt. Thompson Airport at Pt. Thompson, AK, and represents the FAA’s continuing effort to safely and efficiently use the navigable airspace.

### 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 7400.9S, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, signed August 27, 2009, and effective September 15, 2009, 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 Point Thompson, AK [New]

Pt. Thompson, Pt. Thompson Airport, AK (Lat. 70°10’52” N., long. 146°21’01” W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.6-mile radius of the Pt. Thompson Airport, AK.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA–2009–0197; Airspace Docket No. 09–AAL–4]

#### Proposed Establishment of Class E Airspace; Clarks Point, AK

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This action proposes to establish Class E airspace at the Clarks Point Airport at Clarks Point, AK. Two Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPs) are being developed for the Clarks Point Airport at Clarks Point, AK. Additionally, one textual Obstacle Departure Procedure (ODP) is being developed. Adoption of this proposal would result in establishing Class E airspace upward from 700 feet (ft.) and 1,200 ft. above the surface at the Clarks Point Airport at Clarks Point, AK.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before November 23, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the proposal to the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001. You must identify the docket number FAA–2009–0197/ Airspace Docket No. 09–AAL–4, at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.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](mailto:gary.ctr.rolf@faa.gov). Internet address: [http://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/headquarters\\_offices/ato/service\\_units/systemops/fs/alaskan/rulemaking/](http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ato/service_units/systemops/fs/alaskan/rulemaking/).

**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-2009-0197/Airspace Docket No. 09-AAL-4." 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://www.regulations.gov>. Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA's Web page at [http://www.faa.gov/airports\\_airtraffic/air\\_traffic/publications/airspace\\_amendments/](http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/air_traffic/publications/airspace_amendments/).

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

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The FAA Instrument Flight Procedures Production and Maintenance Branch has created two new SIAPs for the Clarks Point Airport and one textual ODP. The SIAPs are (1) the Area Navigation (RNAV) Global Positioning System (GPS) Runway (RWY) 18, Original and (2) the RNAV (GPS) RWY 36, Original. Textual ODPs are unnamed and are published in the front of the U.S. Terminal Procedures for Alaska. Class E controlled airspace extending upward from 700 ft. and 1,200 ft. above the surface in the Clarks Point Airport area would be established by this action. The proposed airspace is sufficient in size to contain aircraft executing the instrument procedures at the Clarks Point Airport, Clarks Point, AK.

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**AAL AK E5 Clarks Point, AK [New]**

Clarks Point Airport, Clarks Point, AK  
(Lat. 58°50'01" N., long. 158°31'46" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.3-mile radius of the Clarks Point Airport, AK; and that airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface within a 73-mile radius of the Clarks Point Airport, AK.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

#### 15 CFR Part 90

[Docket Number 0908171239-91239-01]

RIN 0607-AA49

#### Temporary Suspension of the Population Estimates and Income Estimates Challenge Programs

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides notice to state and local governments and to federal agencies that, beginning on January 1, 2010, the Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) proposes to temporarily suspend the Population Estimates Challenge Program and to indefinitely suspend the Per Capita Income Estimates Challenge Program (also known as Procedure for Challenging Certain Population and Income Estimates) during the decennial census year and the year following it to accommodate the taking of the 2010 Census. During this time, the Census Bureau would not provide the operations necessary to review the July 1, 2009, population or per capita income estimates for state, and other general-purpose governments, such as cities, towns, and villages. The Population Estimates Challenge Program is expected to resume in 2012 as the program begins operations based upon the results of the 2010 Census. The Per Capita Income Estimates Challenge Program would be suspended until a rulemaking can be initiated to remove those regulations from the Code of Federal Regulations.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by November 6, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted through any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov)

- *Mail:* Mr. Rodger Johnson, Population Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Rodger Johnson, Population Division,

Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233, telephone (301) 763-2461, e-mail at [rodger.v.johnson@census.gov](mailto:rodger.v.johnson@census.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Census Bureau first adopted procedures for initiating informal challenges to certain population or per capita income estimates prepared by the Census Bureau in 1979 by amending Title 15 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) to provide for a new Part 90 (44 FR 20646). These regulations were needed to standardize and codify procedures and to extend to the state or local government the right to a hearing prior to a final determination of the challenged estimate by the Director of the Census Bureau. Legal authority for the challenge procedures remains 13 U.S.C. 4, which provides in pertinent part, that the Secretary may issue rules and regulations as he deems necessary to carry out his functions and duties under Title 13.

The Census Bureau prepares estimates of total population and per capita income for states and units of local government for the period between decennial censuses. States, counties, and other units of general-purpose government may initiate informal challenges to population and per capita income estimates under the procedures set forth in 15 CFR Part 90. Under the regulations, a challenge is defined as “the process of objecting to or calling into question the Census Bureau’s population or per capita income estimates of a state or unit of local government.” Government entities are given 180 days after the release of the population or per capita income estimates to initiate an informal challenge. If the challenge cannot be resolved informally, the government submitting the challenge can choose to file a formal challenge (15 CFR 90.9), which is resolved in a hearing that is held at the Census Bureau and presided over by a hearing officer that is appointed by the Census Bureau Director.

As is done for other intercensal programs, the Census Bureau hereby notifies the public that it proposes to suspend the Population Estimates Challenge Program after the resolution of all challenges to the 2008 population estimates, which should occur by January 1, 2010. The Census Bureau will release the 2009 population estimates in 2010, however, the Census Bureau would not accept challenges to the 2009 estimates.

The Population Estimates Challenge Program would resume in 2012 after the Census Bureau concludes its responsibilities in the conduct of the

decennial census. During the period when the program is suspended, the Census Bureau will be conducting demographic analysis of the 2010 Census, evaluating the results of the 2010 Census in comparison with the population estimates, conducting research to enhance the estimates and challenge programs and integrating the updates from the 2010 Census into the estimates program after the 2010 Census.

After the conduct of the decennial census, the Census Bureau would resume accepting challenges to the population estimates by publishing in the **Federal Register** a notice that announces the date when it will begin to accept challenges. The Census Bureau would accept challenges beginning with the 2011 population estimates. The 2011 population estimates are based upon the 2010 Census and are scheduled for release in 2012.

Suspending the Population Estimates Challenge Program is a necessary action in order to ensure that sufficient resources are allocated to the conduct of the decennial census, allowing the Census Bureau’s Population Division staff to effectively evaluate the 2010 census results.

In addition, the Census Bureau notifies the public that it will also suspend the Per Capita Income Estimates Challenge Program, which are codified in the same part as the Population Estimates Challenge Program. This program has not been active since the general revenue sharing program ended in 1986, along with its requirement for per capita income estimates, and thus it has been determined to suspend the program indefinitely. The Census Bureau will undertake a rulemaking action in the near future to remove these regulations from the Code of Federal Regulations.

#### Classification

*Executive Order 12866:* It has been determined that this notice is not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866.

*Executive Order 13132:* It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with federalism implications as that term is defined in EO 13132.

*Regulatory Flexibility Act:* The Chief Counsel for Regulations certified to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy that this rule, if implemented, would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The entities that would be impacted by this rule are all States, counties, and other units of general-purpose government. Section 601(5) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act defines small