

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-AGL-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 Rules Docket, FAA, Great Lakes Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois, 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 the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) by submitting a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Division, Operations Branch, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018, or by calling (847) 294-7568. 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 considering an amendment to part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) to establish Class E airspace at Score Field, Menomonie, WI, to accommodate a Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range/Distance Measuring Equipment (VOR/DME) Instrument Approach Procedure for Runway 27. Controlled airspace extending upward from 700 to 1200 feet AGL is needed for aircraft executing the

approach. The area would be depicted on appropriate aeronautical charts. Class E airspace designations for areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9C dated August 17, 1995, and effective September 16, 1995, 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 would 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 part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (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. 206(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389; 14 CFR 11.69.

##### § 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9C, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 17, 1995, and effective September 16, 1995, is amended as follows:

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

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AGL WI E5 Menomonie, WI [New]

Menomonie, Score Field, WI

(Lat. 44°53'29" N, long. 91°52'00" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.4 mile radius of Score Field.

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Issued in Des Plaines, Illinois on April 17, 1996.

Maureen Woods,

*Acting Manager, Air Traffic Division.*

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#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 96-ANM-008]

#### Proposed Amendment of Class E Airspace; La Grande, OR

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This proposed rule would amend the La Grande, Oregon, Class E airspace to accommodate a new Global Positioning System (GPS) Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP) to the La Grande/Union County Airport. The area would be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before June 14, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Manager, Operations Branch, ANM-530, Federal Aviation Administration, Docket No. 96-ANM-008, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056.

The official docket may be examined at the same address.

An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the address listed above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James C. Frala, ANM-532.4, Federal Aviation Administration, Docket No. 96-ANM-008, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone number: (206) 227-2535.

#### 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-ANM-008." 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 the light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination at the address listed above 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, Operations Branch, ANM-530, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056. 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 considering an amendment to part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) to amend Class E airspace at La Grande, Oregon, to accommodate a new GPS SIAP to the La Grande/Union County Airport. The area would be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference. The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. Class E airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth are published in Paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9C dated August 17, 1995, and effective September 16, 1995, 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 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—[AMENDED]

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; 14 CFR 11.69.

##### § 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9C, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 17, 1995, and effective September 16, 1995, 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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ANM OR E5 La Grande, OR

La Grande/Union County Airport, OR  
(Lat 45°17'25" N, long. 118°00'26" W)  
Walla Walla VOR/DME  
(Lat 46°05'13" N, long. 118°17'33" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface bounded on the north by a line beginning at lat. 45°38'59" N, long. 118°02'04" W, extending eastwardly to lat. 45°37'00" N, long. 117°44'34" W, on the east by a line extending to lat. 45°15'29" N, long. 117°49'04" W, on the south by a line extending to lat. 45°17'29" N, long. 118°07'04" W, on the west by a line extending to the point of beginning, and within a 4.3-mile radius of the La Grande/Union County Airport, that airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface bounded by a line beginning at lat. 45°38'59" N, long. 118°02'04" W, extending northwest along V-357 to the Walla Walla VOR/DME 16.6-mile radius, thence north along the Walla Walla VOR/DME 16.6-mile radius until intercepting lat. 46°00'00" N, thence eastward along lat. 46°00'00" N, to long. 117°02'00" W, thence south along long.

117°02'00" W until intercepting V-298, thence westward along V-298 to lat. 45°23'30" N, long. 117°47'10" W, to lat. 45°37'00" N, long. 117°44'34" W, thence to the point of beginning, and that airspace bounded on the north by the southwest edge of V-298, on the east by the Boise, ID Enroute Domestic Airspace Area, on the south by the north edge of V-121, on the west by the east edge of V-182-397, excluding that airspace within Federal airways and the Baker, OR, Class E airspace area.

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Issued in Seattle, Washington, on April 19, 1996.

Richard E. Prang,

*Acting Assistant Manager, Air Traffic Division, Northwest Mountain Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 15 CFR Part 946

[Docket No. 960418114-6114-01]

RIN 0648-AF72

#### Weather Service Modernization Criteria

**AGENCY:** National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Proposed amendment; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Weather Service Modernization Act, (the Act), the National Weather Service (NWS) is publishing a proposed amendment to its criteria for modernization actions requiring certification. This amendment adds criteria unique to automating a field office to ensure that automation actions will not result in any degradation of service. Automating a field office occurs after automated surface observing system (ASOS) equipment is installed and commissioned at a field office and the NWS employees that were performing surface observations at that office are removed or reassigned. At sites where NWS will remain, such as Weather Forecast Offices, NWS will perform the necessary augmentation and back-up, therefore no automation certification is required.

**DATES:** Comments are requested by June 1, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of documents stated in the preamble as being available upon request and comments should be sent to Julie Scanlon, NOAA/NWS, SSMC2, Room