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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 96-AGL-18]

Establishment of Class E2 Airspace; Sawyer Airport, Gwinn, MI

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action establishes Class E2 airspace to accommodate an Automated Weather Observation System/Surface Weather and Reporting System (AWOS/SWARS) to serve runway 01/19 approach at Sawyer Airport, Gwinn, MI. Controlled airspace extending upward from 700 to 1200 feet above ground level (AGL) is needed to contain aircraft executing the approach. The intended effect of this action is to provide segregation of aircraft using instrument approach procedures in instrument conditions from other aircraft operating in visual weather conditions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 0901 UTC, March 27, 1997.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

History

On November 21, 1996, the FAA proposed to amend part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) to accommodate an AWOS/SWARS to serve runway 01/19 approach at Sawyer Airport, Gwinn, MI (61 FR 59207). The proposal was to add controlled airspace extending upward from 700 to 1200 feet AGL to contain

Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations in controlled airspace during portions of the terminal operation and while transiting between the enroute and terminal environments.

Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking proceeding by submitting written comments on the proposals to the FAA. No comments objecting to the proposal were received. The notice inadvertently listed incorrect coordinates and these coordinates have been corrected in this Final Rule. Class E airspace designations for surface area for an airport are published in paragraph 6002 of FAA Order 7400.9D dated September 4, 1996, and effective September 16, 1996, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

The Rule

This amendment to part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) establishes Class E2 airspace to accommodate an Automated Weather Observation System/Surface Weather and Reporting System (AWOS/SWARS) to serve runway 01/19 approach at Sawyer Airport, Gwinn, MI. Controlled airspace extending upward from 700 to 1200 feet AGL is needed to contain aircraft executing the approach. The area will be depicted on appropriate aeronautical charts thereby enabling pilots to circumnavigate the area or otherwise comply with IFR procedures.

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. Therefore, this 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 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).

Adoption of the Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

PART 71—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 14 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 7400.9D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 4, 1996, and effective September 16, 1996, is amended as follows:

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

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AGL MI E2 Sawyer, MI [New]

Sawyer Airport, MI

(Lat. 46°21'13"N, long. 87°23'43"W)

Within a 4.6-mile radius of Sawyer Airport. This Class E airspace area 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 published in the Airport Facility Directory.

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14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 96-AGL-19]

Establishment of Class E5 Airspace; Sawyer Airport, Gwinn, MI

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action establishes Class E5 airspace to accommodate an Instrument Landing System (ILS), a Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range (VOR) and a Distance Measuring Equipment (DME) to serve runway 01/