

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**14 CFR Part 71**

[Airspace Docket No. 97-AGL-56]

**Modification of Class E Airspace; Ashtabula, OH**

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action modifies Class E airspace at Ashtabula, OH. A Global Positioning System (GPS) Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP) to Runway (RWY) 08 has been developed for Ashtabula County Airport. Controlled airspace extending upward from 700 to 1200 feet above ground level (AGL) is needed to contain aircraft executing the approach. This action increases the radius of the existing controlled airspace.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 0901 UTC, February 26, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michelle M. Behm, Air Traffic Division, Airspace Branch, AGL-520, Federal Aviation Administration, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018, telephone (847) 294-7568.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**History**

On Friday, October 31, 1997, the FAA proposed to amend 14 CFR part 71 to modify Class E airspace at Ashtabula, OH (62 FR 58927). 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 proposal to the FAA. No comments objecting to the proposal were received. Class E airspace designations for airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth are published in paragraph 6005 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 Class E airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

**The Rule**

This amendment to 14 CFR part 71 modifies Class E airspace at Ashtabula,

OH. This action provides adequate controlled airspace extending upward from 700 to 1200 feet AGL to contain aircraft executing the GPS RWY 08 SIAP and IFR operations at Ashtabula County Airport by increasing the radius of the existing controlled airspace. The area will be depicted on appropriate aeronautical charts.

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—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 7400.9E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 10, 1997, and effective September 16, 1997, 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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**AGL OH E5 Ashtabula, OH [Revised]**

Ashtabula County Airport, OH (Lat. 41°46'41" N, long. 80°41'44" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.5-mile radius of the Ashtabula County Airport.

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**14 CFR Part 71**

[Airspace Docket No. 97-ASO-23]

**Establishment of Class E Airspace; St. Elmo, AL**

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This amendment establishes Class E airspace at St. Elmo, AL. A Global Positioning System (GPS) Runway (RWY) 6 Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP) has been developed for St. Elmo Airport. As a result, controlled airspace extending upward from 700 feet Above Ground Level (AGL) is needed to accommodate the SIAP and for Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at St. Elmo Airport. The operating status of the airport will change from Visual Flight Rules (VFR) to include IFR operations concurrent with publication of the SIAP.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 0901 UTC, February 26, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy B. Shelton, Airspace Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, P.O. Box 20636, Atlanta, Georgia 30320; telephone (404) 305-5586.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**History**

On October 31, 1997, the FAA proposed to amend 14 CFR part 71 by establishing Class E airspace at St. Elmo, AL (62 FR 58930). This action would provide adequate Class E airspace for IFR operations at St. Elmo Airport. Designations for Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth are published in Paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9E, dated September 10, 1997, and effective September 16, 1997, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR part 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.