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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 97-AWP-10]

Modification of Class E Airspace; Tracy, CA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends the Class E airspace areas at Tracy, CA. The development of a Global Positioning System (GPS) Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP) to Runway (RWY) 11, GPS SIAP to RWY 25, and a GPS SIAP to RWY 29 at Tracy Municipal Airport has made this action necessary. Additional controlled airspace extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth is needed to contain aircraft executing the approach and departure procedures at Tracy Municipal Airport. The intended effect of this action is to provide adequate controlled airspace for Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at Tracy Municipal Airport, Tracy, CA.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 0901 UTC April 23, 1998.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

History

On November 20, 1997, the FAA proposed to amend 14 CFR part 71 to modify the Class E airspace area at Tracy, CA (62 FR 61927). The development of GPS SIAP's at Tracy Municipal Airport has made this action necessary. The intended effect of this action is to provide additional controlled airspace extending upward from 700 feet or more above surface of the earth is needed to contain aircraft executing the GPS RWY 11 SIAP, GPS RWY 25 SIAP, GPS RWY 29 SIAP, and other IFR operations at Tracy Municipal Airport, Tracy, CA.

Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking proceeding by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments to the proposal were received. 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 7400.9E, dated September 10, 1997, and effective September 16, 1997, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. Class E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

The Rule

This amendment to 14 CFR part 71 modifies the Class E airspace area at Tracy, CA. The development of a GPS RWY 11 SIAP, GPS RWY 25 SIAP, and a GPS RWY 29 SIAP at Tracy Municipal Airport has made this action necessary. Additional controlled airspace extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface is needed to contain aircraft executing the approach and departures procedures at Tracy Municipal Airport. The intended effect of this action is to provide adequate controlled airspace for aircraft executing the GPS RWY 11 SIAP, a GPS RWY 25 SIAP, and a GPS RWY 29 SIAP, and other IFR operations at Tracy Municipal Airport, Tracy, CA.

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; ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

1. The authority citation for 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 the 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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AWP CA E5 Tracy, CA [Revised]

Tracy Municipal Airport, CA

(Lat. 37°41'21"N, long. 121°26'31"W)

Manteca VORTAC

(Lat. 37°50'01"N, long. 121°10'17"W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.4-mile radius of Tracy Municipal Airport and within 2.2 miles each side of the Manteca VORTAC 237° radial, extending from the 6.4-mile radius to 4.9 miles southwest of the Manteca VORTAC and within 1.8 miles each side of the 117° bearing from the Tracy Municipal Airport, extending from the 6.4-mile radius to 8.4 miles southeast of the Tracy Municipal Airport and within 1.8 miles each side of the 326° bearing from the Tracy Municipal Airport, extending from the 6.4-mile radius to 7.7 miles northwest of Tracy Municipal Airport, excluding that portion within the Byron, CA, Class E and Modesto, CA, Class E airspace areas, and excluding that airspace within Restricted Area R2531A.

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14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 97-AEA-43]

Amendment to Class E Airspace; Somerset, PA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.