

request should include specific proposed actions to address it.

**Compliance:** Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent the piston pin from puncturing the engine crankcase by the connecting rod, resulting in the loss of oil leading to total power failure and possible fire, or freeing the connecting rod, possibly puncturing the cylinder or jamming the engine crankshaft, resulting in catastrophic engine failure, accomplish the following:

(a) If an engine has not had a piston pin installed after August 23, 1993, or if an engine has had a piston pin installed after August 23, 1993, but it was installed by Textron Lycoming, then no action is required.

(b) For engines that had a piston pin installed after August 23, 1993, by an entity other than Textron Lycoming, within 20 hours time in service (TIS) after the effective date of this AD, determine if a suspect PMA Superior Air Parts, Inc. piston pin, P/N 13444-1, could have been installed. If unable to verify that a suspect piston pin was not installed using a records check, disassemble the engine in accordance with the applicable Maintenance Manual or Overhaul Manual, visually inspect or verify for suspect piston pins, and accomplish the following:

(1) If it is determined that suspect PMA Superior Air Parts, Inc. piston pins, P/N 13444-1, could have been installed, remove from service defective piston pins and replace with serviceable piston pins.

(2) If it is determined that suspect PMA Superior Air Parts, Inc. piston pins, P/N 13444-1, could not have been installed, no further action is required.

(c) For the purpose of this AD, a serviceable piston pin is any piston pin that has been verified not to be a PMA Superior Air Parts, Inc. piston pin, P/N 13444-1, shipped from Superior Air Parts, Inc., from August 24, 1993, through April 22, 1996. Installation of a PMA Superior Air Parts Inc. piston pin, P/N 13444-1, that cannot be verified to be outside of the suspect shipping period range, is prohibited after the effective date of this AD.

(d) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Special Certification Office. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Special Certification Office.

**Note 3:** Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this airworthiness directive, if any, may be obtained from the Special Certification Office.

(e) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the aircraft to a location where the inspection may be performed.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on February 6, 1998.

**James C. Jones,**

*Assistant Manager, Engine and Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

[FR Doc. 98-3797 Filed 2-17-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-13-P

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 98-AWP-5]

#### Proposed Establishment of Class E Airspace; Delano, CA

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This document proposes to establish a Class E airspace area at Delano, CA. Additional controlled airspace extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth is needed to contain aircraft executing departure procedures at Delano Municipal Airport. The intended effect of this proposal is to provide adequate controlled airspace for Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at Delano Municipal Airport, Delano, CA.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 31, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Attn: Manager, Airspace Branch, AWP-520, Docket No. 98-AWP-5, Air Traffic Division, 15000 Aviation Boulevard, Lawndale, California, 90261.

The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Western Pacific Region, Federal Aviation Administration, Room 6007, 15000 Aviation Boulevard, Lawndale, California, 90261.

An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the Office of the Manager, Airspace Branch, Air Traffic Division at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Debra Trindle, Airspace Specialist, Airspace Branch, AWP-520, Air Traffic Division, Western-Pacific Region, Federal Aviation Administration, 15000 Aviation Boulevard, Lawndale, California, 90261, telephone (310) 725-6613.

#### 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 the comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Airspace Docket No. 98-AWP-5." 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 Airspace Branch, Air Traffic Division, 15000 Aviation Boulevard, Lawndale, California 90261, 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

Any person may obtain a copy of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) by submitting a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, Airspace Branch, 15000 Aviation Boulevard, Lawndale, California 90261. 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 procedures.

#### The Proposal

The FAA is considering an amendment to 14 CFR part 71 to establish a Class E airspace area at Delano, CA. Additional controlled airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface is needed to contain aircraft executing departures procedures at Delano Municipal Airport. The intended effect of this proposal is to provide adequate controlled airspace for aircraft executing IFR operations at Delano Municipal Airport, Delano, CA. 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 would be published subsequently in this 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 “significantly 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

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; 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 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.*

\* \* \* \* \*

#### AWP CA E5 DeLANO, CA [NEW]

Tracy Municipal Airport, CA

(Lat. 35°44'44"N, long. 119°14'11" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface with a 6.5-mile radius of Delano Municipal Airport, excluding the Bakersfield, CA, Class E airspace area.

\* \* \* \* \*

Issued in Los Angeles, California, on January 21, 1998.

**George D. Williams,**

*Manager, Air Traffic Division, Western-Pacific Region.*

[FR Doc. 98–3956 Filed 2–17–98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910–13–M

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 98–AWP–8]

#### Proposed Modification of Class E Airspace; Globe, AZ

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This document proposes to modify the Class E airspace area at Globe, AZ. Additional controlled airspace extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the Earth is needed to contain aircraft executing the Global Positioning System (GPS) Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP) to Runway (RWY) 27 at Globe-San Carlos Regional Airport. The intended effect of this proposal is to provide adequate controlled airspace for Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at Globe-San Carlos Regional Airport, Globe, AZ.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 31, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Attn: Manager, Airspace Branch, AWP–520, Docket No. 98–AWP–8, Air Traffic Division, 15000 Aviation Boulevard, Lawndale, California 90261.

The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Western Pacific Region, Federal Aviation Administration, Room 6007, 15000 Aviation Boulevard, Lawndale, California 90261.

An informal docket may also be examined during normal business at the Office of the Manager, Airspace Branch, Air Traffic Division at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Larry Tonish, Airspace Specialist, System Management Branch, AWP–530, Air Traffic Division, Western-Pacific Region, Federal Aviation

Administration, 15000 Aviation Boulevard, Lawndale, California, 90261 telephone (310) 725–6531.

#### 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 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 the comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: “Comments to Airspace Docket No. 98–AWP–8.” 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 in the Airspace Branch, Air Traffic Division, 15000 Aviation Boulevard, Lawndale, California 90261, 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

Any person may obtain a copy of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) by submitting a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, Airspace Branch, 15000 Aviation Boulevard, Lawndale, California 90261. 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 procedures.

##### The Proposal

The FAA is considering an amendment to 14 CFR part 71 to modify the Class E airspace area at Globe, AZ. Additional controlled airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface is needed to contain aircraft