

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 71**

[Airspace Docket No. 93-AWA-5]

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Proposed Establishment of Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport Class B Airspace Area, and Revocation of Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Class C Airspace Area; KY

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM); reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: On February 10, 1998, the FAA published an NPRM, which proposed to establish a Class B airspace area and to revoke the existing Class C airspace area at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport. This document announces the reopening of the comment period for an additional 60 days.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 14, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this NPRM should be mailed, in triplicate, to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Chief Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket (AGC-200), Docket No. 93-AWA-5, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Comments may be also sent electronically to the following Internet address: 9-NPRM-CMTS@faa.dot.gov. Comments delivered must be marked Docket No. 93-AWA-5. The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Chief Counsel, Room 915G, weekdays,

between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., except on Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Crawford, Airspace and Rules Division, ATA-400, Office of Air Traffic Airspace Management, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-8783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Airspace Docket No. 93-AWA-5, published on February 10, 1998 (63 FR 6818), proposed to establish a Class B airspace area and to revoke the existing Class C airspace area at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG). CVG qualified as a candidate for Class B airspace based on the enplaned passengers and airport operations. The 60-day comment period for the notice closed on April 13, 1998.

By letters, on April 8 and 13 respectively, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) and Mercantile Stores Co. Inc. requested that the FAA extend the comment period from 60 days, to as long as 90 days, to enable those persons impacted by the proposal to submit meaningful comments. Additionally, AOPA requested that the FAA take action to conduct a second series of informal airspace meetings to present this proposal to the public.

The FAA agrees, in part, with these recommendations. The plan to establish a Class B airspace area for CVG and revoke the existing Class C airspace area, was introduced for public input at informal airspace meetings conducted in Ohio and Kentucky on September 3 and 4, 1992. These meetings were held to allow the public an opportunity to preview and comment on the planned

airspace design for CVG. Comments on the planned design were received from a variety of airspace users including the Ad Hoc User Group Advisory Committee for the area. All the comments received during these informal airspace meetings were given due consideration prior to issuing the NPRM. The proposed Class B airspace area configuration discussed in the NPRM is the same as presented during the 1992 informal airspace meetings. Therefore, the FAA finds that it is not necessary to hold further informal airspace meetings.

It is FAA policy to encourage full public participation in all regulatory actions. The FAA is aware that many general aviation pilots and others associated with the aviation industry receive notification of proposed rulemaking actions only through user organizations. Also, the FAA recognizes that a number of years have elapsed since the informal airspace meetings were held. Based on the above, the FAA has determined that reopening the comment period is reasonable and would ensure that all interested parties have an opportunity to respond to the NPRM. Accordingly, the FAA is reopening the comment period for this rulemaking effort for an additional 60 days. This additional period allows for a total comment period of 120 days instead of the original 60-day comment period.

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