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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 99-AGL-9]

Proposed revocation of Class E airspace, Saginaw, Harry W. Browne Airport, MI; revocation of Class E airspace, Saginaw, Tri-City Airport, MI; and establishment of Class E Airspace; Saginaw, MI

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This notice proposes to revoke the Class E airspace for Saginaw, Harry W. Browne Airport, MI, and Saginaw, Tri-City Airport, MI, and establish a single Class E airspace area for Saginaw, MI. The Class E airspace for Harry W. Browne Airport is largely encompassed by the Class E airspace for Tri-City Airport already. Further, the airport names for Harry W. Browne Airport and Tri-City Airport have recently changed, requiring renaming the Class E airspace areas. Harry W. Browne Airport is now called Saginaw County H. W. Browne Airport, and Tri-City Airport is now called MBS International Airport. In addition, a Global Positioning System (GPS) Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP), 021° helicopter point in space approach, has been developed for Saint Mary's Hospital Heliport, Saginaw, MI. Controlled airspace extending upward from 700 to 1200 feet above ground level (AGL) is needed to contain aircraft executing this approach. This action would combine the two existing Class E airspace areas into one Class E airspace area, rename the Class E airspace area to Saginaw, MI, incorporate the new airport names, and increase the size of the new airspace area slightly in order to include the point in space approach serving Saint Mary's Hospital Heliport.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 2, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, AGL-7, Rules Docket No. 99-AGL-9, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018.

The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the Air Traffic Division, Airspace Branch, Federal Aviation Administration, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois.

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:

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 those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Airspace Docket No. 99-AGL-9." 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 Rule Docket, FAA, Great Lakes Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois, 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's

Any person may obtain a copy of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) by submitting a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, Office of

Public Affairs, *Attention:* Public Inquiry Center, APA-230, 800 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20591, or by calling (202) 267-3484.

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 procedure.

The Proposal

The FAA is considering an amendment to 14 CFR part 71 to establish a new Class E airspace area at Saginaw, MI. This action would revoke the two existing Class E airspace areas (Saginaw, Harry W. Browne airport, MI, and Saginaw, Tri-City Airport, MI) and combine them into one new Class E airspace area. The new Class E airspace area would be slightly larger than the two existing Class E airspace areas in order to accommodate aircraft executing the proposed GPS SIAP 021° helicopter point in space approach for Saint Mary's Hospital Heliport, Saginaw, MI. Controlled airspace extending upward from 700 to 1200 feet AGL is needed to contain aircraft executing this approach. The area would be depicted on appropriate aeronautical charts. 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 7400.9F dated September 10, 1998, and effective September 16, 1998, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document would be published subsequently in the 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 "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12966; (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 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).

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, 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; 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 the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9F, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 10, 1998, and effective September 16, 1998, 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 MI E5 Saginaw, Harry W. Browne Airport, MI [Removed]

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AGL MI E5 Saginaw, Tri-City Airport, MI [Removed]

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AGL MI E5 Saginaw, MI [New]

MBS International airport, MI
(Lat. 43°31'58" N., long. 84°04'47" W.)
Saginaw County H.W. Browne Airport, MI
(Lat. 43°26'00" N., long. 83°51'45" W.)
Bay City, James Clements Municipal Airport, MI
(Lat. 43°32'49" N., long. 83°53'44" W.)
Midland, Jack Barstow Airport, MI
(Lat. 43°39'46" N., long. 84°15'5 41"1 W.)
Saint Mary's Hospital, MI
Point in Space Coordinates
(Lat. 43°24'54" N., long. 83°56'5 27"1 W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7.0-mile radius of MBS International Airport, within a 6.4-mile radius of Saginaw County H.W. Browne Airport, within a 6.4-mile radius of James Clements Municipal Airport, within a 6.3-mile radius of Jack Barstow Airport, and within a 6.0-mile radius of the Point in Space serving Saint Mary's Hospital.

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

[Airspace Docket No. 99–AGL–71]

Proposed Modification of Class E Airspace; Flint, MI

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This notice proposes to modify Class E airspace at Flint, MI. A Global Positioning System (GPS) Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP), 047° helicopter point in space approach, has been developed for Genesys Regional Medical Center Heliport, Grand Blanc, MI. Controlled airspace extending upward from 700 to 1200 feet above ground level (AGL) is needed to contain aircraft executing the approach. This action proposes to modify existing controlled airspace for Flint, MI, in order to include the point in space approach serving Genesys Regional Medical Center Heliport.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 2, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, AGL–7, Rules Docket No. 99–AGL–7, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018.

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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 those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Airspace Docket No. 99–AGL–7." 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 Rules Docket, FAA, Great Lakes Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois, 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.

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The Proposal

The FAA is considering an amendment to 14 CFR part 71 to modify Class E airspace at Flint, MI, to accommodate aircraft executing the proposed GPS SIAP 047° helicopter point in space approach for Genesys Regional Medical Center Heliport by modifying existing controlled airspace. Controlled airspace extending upward from 700 to 1200 feet AGL is needed to contain aircraft executing the approach. The area would be depicted on appropriate aeronautical charts. 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 7400.9F dated September 10,