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### The Proposal

The FAA proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 by revising the Class E airspace at Atkasuk, AK, through the establishment of two very high frequency (VHF) omni-directional radio range (VOR) instrument approaches to RWY 06 and RWY 24. The area would be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference. The intended effect of this proposal is to provide adequate controlled airspace for IFR operations at Atkasuk, AK.

The area would be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference. The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. The Class E airspace areas designated as airport surface areas are published in paragraph 6002 and the Class E airspace areas designated as 700/1200 foot transition areas are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9F, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, dated September 10, 1998, and effective September 16, 1998, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 (63 FR 50139; September 21, 1998). The Class E airspace designations listed in this document would be revised and published subsequently in the Order.

The FAA has determined that these proposed regulations only involve an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore—(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, when promulgated, 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

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; AIRWAYS; 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 Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9F, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, dated September 10, 1998, and effective September 16, 1998, is to be 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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#### AAL AK E5 Atkasuk, AK [Revised]

Atkasuk Airport  
(Lat. 70° 28' 02" N., long. 157° 26' 09" W.)  
That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7 mile radius of the Atkasuk Airport.

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**Willis C. Nelson,**

*Manager, Air Traffic Division, Alaskan Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 98-AAL-9]

#### Proposed Revision of Class E Airspace; Adak, AK

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This action would revise the Class E airspace at Adak, AK. The upcoming decommission of the military Nondirectional Beacon (NDB) and commission of the new NDB/Distance Measuring Equipment (DME), along with the establishment of Global Positioning System (GPS) and NDB/DME instrument approaches at Adak, AK, have made this action necessary. Additionally, the Class E airspace descriptions at Adak, AK, have been consolidated into one description. Adoption of this proposal would result in an update of the airspace descriptions and provide adequate controlled airspace for Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at Adak, AK.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before June 4, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Manager, Operations Branch, AAL-530, Docket No. 98-AAL-9, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513-7587.

The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Regional Counsel for the Alaskan Region at the same address.

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#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### History

The Naval Air Facility (NAF) Adak ceased active military airfield operations on March 31, 1997. The military tower closed and the airfield converted to an uncontrolled airport. Consequently, the airspace around Adak, AK, has been modified to reflect remaining navigational aids and new requirements. The Adak military NDB and military Tactical Air Navigational Aid (TACAN) will be decommissioned. A new FAA NDB/DME (Mount Moffett NDB/DME) will be commissioned. Two new instrument approach procedures, NDB/DME and GPS, have been developed for runway (RWY) 23. These

actions have been coordinated with the U.S. Navy and the Adak Reuse Corporation. The Adak Reuse Corporation has been established under federal and State of Alaska oversight to plan and implement the reuse of former NAF Adak. The Adak Reuse Corporation has been designated the Local Reuse Authority under Base Realignment and Closure Act (BRAC) law to be the responsible party to plan airport operations until a new city is approved on the island.

#### 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. 98-AAL-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 Operations Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK, 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 proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 by revising the Class E airspace at Adak, AK, due to the establishment of GPS and NDB/DME instrument approach procedures to RWY 23 at Adak, AK. Additionally, the Class E airspace descriptions will be consolidated into one description. The intended effect of this proposal is to provide adequate controlled airspace for IFR operations and revise the airspace descriptions at Adak, AK.

The area would be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference. The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. The Class E airspace areas designated as a surface area for an airport are published in paragraph 6002 in FAA Order 7400.9F, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, dated September 10, 1998, and effective September 16, 1998, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 (63 FR 50139; September 21, 1998). The Class E airspace areas designated as an extension to a Class D or Class E surface area are published in FAA Order 7400.9F, paragraph 6004, and paragraph 6005 lists the Class E airspace areas designated as an extension to a Class D or Class E surface area. The Class E airspace listed in this document as a surface area or extension to a surface area will be revoked and subsequently removed in the Order. The Class E airspace designations listed in this document as 700/1200 foot transition areas will be revised and published in the Order.

The FAA has determined that these proposed regulations only involve an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore—(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, when promulgated, 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

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

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#### § 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9F, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, dated September 10, 1998, and effective September 16, 1998, is to be amended as follows:

*Paragraph 6002 Class E airspace areas designated as surface areas for an airport*  
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#### AAL AK E2 Adak, AK [Revoked]

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*Paragraph 6004 Class E airspace areas designated as an extension to a Class D or Class E surface area.*  
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#### AAL AK E4 Adak, AK [Revoked]

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*Paragraph 6005 Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth.*  
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#### AAL AK E5 Adak, AK [Revised]

Adak Airport, AK  
(Lat. 51° 52' 41" N., long. 176° 38' 45" W.)  
Mount Moffett NDB  
(Lat. 51° 52' 19" N., long. 176° 40' 34" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7-mile radius of Adak Airport and within 5.2 miles northwest and 4.2 miles southeast of the 061°

bearing of the Mount Moffett NDB extending from the 7-mile radius to 11.5 miles northeast of the Adak Airport; and that airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface within 11-mile radius of the Adak Airport, and within 16 miles of the Adak Airport extending clockwise from the 033° bearing to the 081° bearing of the Mount Moffett NDB.

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**Willis C. Nelson,**

*Manager, Air Traffic Division, Alaskan Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 99-AAL-5]

#### Proposed Establishment of Class E Airspace; Palmer, AK

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This action proposes to establish Class E airspace at Palmer, AK. The establishment of Global Positioning System (GPS) instrument approach at the Palmer Municipal Airport has made this action necessary. The Palmer Municipal Airport status will change from Visual Flight Rules (VFR) to Instrument Flight Rules (IFR). Adoption of this proposal would result of adequate controlled airspace for Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at Palmer, AK.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before June 4, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Manager, Operations Branch, AAL-530, Docket No. 99-AAL-5, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513-7587.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Durand, Operations Branch, AAL-531, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513-7587;

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments Invited

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##### The Proposal

The FAA proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 by establishing Class E airspace at Palmer, AK, due the to establishment of a GPS instrument approach procedure at Palmer, AK. The Palmer Airport status will be upgraded from VFR to IFR. The intended effect of this proposal is to provide adequate controlled airspace for IFR operations at Palmer, AK.

The area would be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference. The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. The Class E airspace areas designated as 700/1200 foot transition areas are published in paragraph 6005 in FAA Order 7400.9F, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, dated September 10, 1998, and effective September 16, 1998, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 (63 FR 50139; September 21, 1998). The Class E airspace listed in this document would be published in the Order.

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