

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 both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with the FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

Availability of NPRMs

Any person may obtain a copy of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) by submitting a request to the Office of the Regional Counsel, AEA-7, F.A.A. Eastern Region, 1 Aviation Plaza, Jamaica NY, 11434-4809. Communications must identify the notice number of this NPRM. Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRMs 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 Part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 71) to establish Class E airspace area at Culpepper, VA. A RNAV Point in Space Approach has been developed for Culpepper Memorial Hospital Heliport Culpepper, VA. Controlled airspace extending upward from 700 feet AGL is needed to accommodate the approach. Class E airspace designations for airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface are published in Paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9H, dated September 1, 2000, and effective September 16, 2000, 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 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 would only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this proposed rule would not have 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—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR Part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; EO 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 dated September 10, 2000, and effective September 16, 2000, is proposed 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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AEA VA E5, Culpepper, VA

Culpepper Memorial Hospital Heliport.
(Lat. 3827.900N—long. 07801.110W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6 mile radius of University of Virginia Medical Center Heliport.

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F.D. Hatfield,

Manager, Air Traffic Division, Eastern Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 00-AEA-11]

Amendment to Class E Airspace; Charlottesville, VA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This document proposes to establish Class E airspace at Charlottesville, VA. A helicopter Point in Space approach, has been developed for University of Virginia Medical Center, Charlottesville, VA. Controlled

airspace extending upward from 700 feet to 1200 feet Above Ground Level (AGL) is needed to contain aircraft executing the approach. This action proposes to establish Class E airspace to include the Point in Space approach to University of Virginia Medical Center Heliport. The area would be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 22, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Manager, Airspace Branch, AEA-520, Docket No. 00-AEA-11, F.A.A. Eastern Region, 1 Aviation Plaza, Jamaica, NY 11434-4809.

The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Regional Counsel, AEA-7, F.A.A. Eastern Region, 1 Aviation Plaza, Jamaica, NY 11434-4809.

An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours in the Airspace Branch, AEA-520, F.A.A. Eastern Region, 1 Aviation Plaza, Jamaica, NY 11434-4809.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Francis T. Jordan, Jr., Airspace Specialist, Airspace Branch, AEA-520, F.A.A. Eastern Region, 1 Aviation Plaza, Jamaica, NY 11434-4809; telephone: (718) 553-4521.

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, 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. 00-AEA-11.” The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter. All communications received on or before the 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

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The Proposal

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University of Virginia Medical Center
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(Lat. 3801.401N—long. 07830.604W)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

15 CFR Part 922

[Docket No. 001116322-0322-01]

RIN 0648-A074

Amendment to Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Regulations Revising the Boundary of the Northernmost Area To Be Avoided Off the Coast of Florida

AGENCY: National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed rule; Request for public comments; Notice of hearing.

SUMMARY: NOAA, in cooperation with the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), proposes to revise the boundary of the northernmost Area To Be Avoided (ATBA) off the coast of the Florida Keys. This change to the boundary is expected to increase maritime safety and to avoid harm to the marine environment and its resources.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 8, 2001. Public hearings will be held on:

1. December 12, 2000, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., Key Colony Beach, Florida.
2. December 13, 2000, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Miami, Florida Submit requests to present oral testimony on or before December 8, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit all written comments, requests to present oral testimony, and requests for the Draft Environmental Assessment prepared for this action to Billy Causey, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Headquarters, P.O. Box 500368, Marathon, Florida 33050.

The hearing locations are:

1. Key Colony Beach, Florida—Key Colony Beach City Hall, 600 West Ocean Drive, Key Colony Beach, Florida.
2. Miami, Florida—The Port of Miami Conference Room on the 2nd floor, 1015 N. America Way Miami, FL 33132

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Billy Causey, Superintendent, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Headquarters, P.O. Box 500368, Marathon, Florida 33050, Tel: (305) 743-2357, Email: billy.causey@noaa.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In part, as a result of three large vessel groundings within an 18-day period in the fall of 1989 on the coral reef tract of the Florida Keys, Congress passed the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary and Protection Act (FKNMSPA), designating the area as the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS). The primary goal of this legislation is to protect the health of the fragile ecosystem of the Florida Keys. Among other things, to accomplish this goal, Congress established four ATBAs where tank vessels and vessels larger than 50 meters are prohibited from entering. Under the FKNMSPA, NOAA and the USCG have the authority to amend the ATBAs.

On April 21, 1998, pursuant to input from the shipping industry, the FKNMS Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) recommended a revision to the boundary of the northernmost ATBA to eliminate a small portion of the boundary near “the Elbow” which juts