

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

[Airspace Docket No. 00-AWP-6]

**Proposed Establishment of Class D Airspace; Sacramento Mather Airport; Sacramento, CA****AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This action proposes to establish a Class D surface area at Sacramento Mather Airport in Sacramento, CA. A Federal Contract Tower commenced operations at this location earlier this year on a full-time basis, twenty-four hours daily, seven days per week. The Sacramento Mather Airport routinely serves a large volume of air cargo traffic in addition to considerable general aviation activity during both visual and instrument flight conditions. Mather Tower controllers are officially certified as weather observers for this airport, and adequate communication facilities have been established. A review of current and projected operations and procedures at Sacramento Mather Airport fully supports the need for Class D airspace to enhance aviation safety, and in the interest of the commerce and welfare of the community. This action would establish Class D airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 2,600 feet MSL within a 4.5-mile radius of Sacramento Mather Airport.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 12, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Attn: Manager, Airspace Branch, AWP-520, Docket No. 00-AWP-6, Air Traffic Division, P.O. Box 92007, Worldway Postal Center, Los Angeles, California 90009.

The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Regional 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:** Jeri Carson, Airspace Specialist, Airspace Branch, AWP-520.11, Air Traffic Division, Western-Pacific Region, Federal Aviation Administration, 15000

Aviation Boulevard, Lawndale, California 90261, telephone number (310) 725-6611.

**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 action must submit with the comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Airspace Docket No. 00-AWP-6." 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 action may be changed in light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the Airspace Branch, Air Traffic Division, at 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 docket 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 that would establish a Class D surface area at Sacramento Mather Airport in Sacramento, CA. A Federal Contract

Tower commenced operations at this location earlier this year on a full-time basis, twenty-four hours daily, seven days per week. The Sacramento Mather Airport routinely serves a large volume of air cargo traffic in addition to considerable general aviation activity during both visual and instrument flight conditions. Mather Tower controllers are officially certified as weather observers for this airport, and adequate communication facilities have been established. A review of current and projected operations and procedures at Sacramento Mather Airport fully supports the need for Class D airspace to enhance aviation safety, and in the interest of the commerce and welfare of the community. This action would establish Class D airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 2,600 feet MSL within a 4.5-mile radius of Sacramento Mather Airport. Class D airspace areas are published in Paragraph 5000 of FAA Order 7400.9H, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 1, 2000, and effective September 16, 2000, through September 15, 2001, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class D 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 "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 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; 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 the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9H, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 1, 2000, and effective September 16, 2000, is amended as follows:

*Paragraph 5000 Class D Airspace.*

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Sacramento Mather Airport, CA  
(Lat. 38°33'14", long. 121°17'51"W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 2,600 feet MSL within a 4.5-mile radius of Sacramento Mather Airport.

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Western-Pacific Region.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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**14 CFR Part 71**

**[Airspace Docket No. 00–AWP–15]**

**Proposed Modification to Sacramento Executive Airport Class D and E Surface Areas; Sacramento, CA**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This action proposes to revise the Class D and E airspace areas at Sacramento Executive Airport by reducing the radius of the basic surface area and by removing those portions of airspace defined as a northeast extension to the basic surface area. The existing surface area radius exceeds criteria specified in FAA Order 7400.2, Procedures for Handling Airspace Matters. Additionally, the northeast extension to the basic surface area is no longer required for instrument approach

and departure procedures at Sacramento Executive Airport.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 12, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the proposed in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Attn: Manager, Airspace Branch, AWP–520 Docket No. 00–AWP–15, Air Traffic Division, P.O. Box 92007, Worldway Postal Center, Los Angeles, California 90009.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Comments Invited**

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**The Proposal**

The FAA is considering an amendment to 14 CFR part 71 that would modify the Sacramento Executive Airport Class D and E Surface Areas at Sacramento, CA. A review of airspace classification and air traffic procedures has made this action necessary. This notice proposes to remove those portions of airspace defined as a northeast extension to the Class D and E Surface Areas at Sacramento Executive Airport, and to reduce the radius of the basic surface area from 4.3-miles to 4.0-miles. The northeast extension and 4.3-mile radius no longer required for any instrument approach or departure procedures at Sacramento Executive Airport. Class D and E2 airspace areas are published in Paragraphs 5000 and 6002, respectively, of FAA Order 7400.9H, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 1, 2000, and effective September 16, 2000, through September 15, 2001, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class D and E airspace designations 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 “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