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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2004-18343; Airspace Docket No. 04-AAL-11]

Establishment of Class E Airspace; Alpine Airstrip, Nuiqsut, AK

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action establishes Class E airspace at Alpine Airstrip, Nuiqsut, AK to provide adequate controlled airspace to contain aircraft executing two new Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAP). This Rule results in new Class E airspace upward from 700 feet (ft.) above the surface at Alpine Airstrip, Nuiqsut, AK.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 0901 UTC, November 25, 2004.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

History

On Thursday, July 8, 2004, the FAA proposed to revise part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) to create new Class E airspace upward from 700 ft. above the surface at Alpine Airstrip, Nuiqsut, AK (69 FR 41216). The action was proposed in order to add Class E airspace sufficient in size to contain aircraft while executing two new SIAP's for the Alpine Airstrip, Nuiqsut Airport. The new approaches

are (1) Area Navigation-Global Positioning System (RNAV GPS) RWY 3, original and (2) RNAV GPS RWY 21, original. New Class E controlled airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.5-mile radius of the Alpine Airstrip, excluding the Nuiqsut Airport Class E airspace area is established by this action. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking proceeding by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No public comments have been received, thus, the rule is adopted as proposed.

The area will 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 of FAA Order 7400.9L, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, dated September 2, 2003, and effective September 16, 2003, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

The Rule

This revision to 14 CFR part 71 establishes Class E airspace at Alpine Airstrip, Nuiqsut, Alaska. This additional Class E airspace was created to accommodate aircraft executing two new SIAPs and will be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference. The intended effect of this rule is to provide adequate controlled airspace for IFR operations at Alpine Airstrip, Nuiqsut, Alaska.

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves 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 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).

Adoption of the Amendment

■ In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 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 7400.9L, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, dated September 2, 2003, and effective September 16, 2003, is amended as follows:

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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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Alpine Airstrip, Nuiqsut Airport, AK (Lat. 70°20'39" N., long. 150°56'41" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.5-mile radius of the Alpine Airstrip, excluding the Nuiqsut Airport Class E airspace.

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