DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71


Modification of Class E Airspace;
Rome, NY

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This action proposes to modify Class E airspace at Rome, NY. Additional airspace is necessary to support the amendment of the current Terminal Visual Flight Rule (VFR) Radar Service Area (TRSA) and to allow for a space to provide the altitude known as the Minimum Vectoring Altitude (MVA) for vectoring of both VFR and Instrument Flight Rule (IFR) aircraft around the Rome, NY area. This action would enhance the safety and airspace management around the Griffiss Airport area.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 23, 2008.


You may review the public docket containing the rule, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office (see ADDRESSES section for address and phone number) between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the office of the Eastern Service Center, Federal Aviation Administration, Room 210, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, Georgia 30337.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to comment on this rule 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 both docket numbers and be submitted in triplicate to the address listed above. Those wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this notice must submit with their comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: “Comments to Docket No. FAA–2008–0308; Airspace Docket No. 08–AEA–19.” The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter. All communications received 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 the comments received. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

Availability of NPRMs

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded from and comments submitted through http://www.regulations.gov. Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA’s Web page at http://www.faa.gov or the Federal Register’s Web page at http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html. Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRM’s should contact the FAA’s Office of Rulemaking, (202) 267–9677, to request a copy of Advisory Circular No. 11–2A, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Distribution System, which describes the application procedure.

The Proposal

The FAA is considering an amendment to Part 71 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR Part 71) to modify Class E airspace at Rome, NY. On January 1, 2007, the Oneida County Airport, Utica, NY was permanently closed and operations moved to the Griffiss Airfield. Airspace in this area was modified as published in the Federal Register on September 7, 2007 (72 FR 51357). Analysis of operations has determined that there is a need for additional Class E5 airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface of the Earth to enhance the management, safety and efficiency of air traffic services in the area. The local area Terminal VFR Radar Service Area (TRSA) is being revised and there is a requirement for the base of the TRSA to be below the associated Class E airspace. This modification would satisfy that requirement. 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 7400.9R, signed August 15, 2007, and effective September 15, 2007, 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. 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 proposed 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.

The FAA’s authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency’s authority.

This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it proposes to modify Class E airspace at Rome, NY.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71


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 part 71 will continue to read as follows:


§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9R, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, signed August 15, 2007, effective September 15, 2007, 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 NY E5 Rome, NY [Revised]

Griffiss Airfield, NY

(Lat. 43°14′02″ N, long. 75°24′25″ W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface of the Earth within a 15-mile radius of Griffiss Airfield and within a 26-mile radius of the airport extending clockwise from a 125° bearing to a 200° bearing from the airport.

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14 CFR Part 71


Proposed Establishment of Class E Airspace; Fort Collins, CO

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This action proposes to establish Class E airspace at Fort Collins-Loveland Municipal Airport, Fort Collins, CO. Additional controlled airspace is necessary to accommodate instrument flight rule (IFR) operations from this airport located in mountainous terrain and enable positive control at Fort Collins-Loveland Municipal Airport, Fort Collins, CO. The FAA is proposing this action to enhance the safety and management of aircraft operations at Fort Collins-Loveland Municipal Airport, Fort Collins, CO.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 23, 2008.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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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 both docket numbers (FAA Docket No. FAA–2008–0336 and Airspace Docket No. 08–ANM–4) and be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Management System (see ADDRESSES section for address and phone number). You may also submit comments through the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this action must submit with those comments a self-addressed stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: “Comments to FAA Docket No. FAA–2008–0336 and Airspace Docket No. 08–ANM–4″. 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 available for examination in the public docket 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 NPRMs


You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in