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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

History

On Friday, November 7, 2008, the FAA proposed to amend part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) to revise Class E airspace upward from 700 ft. above the surface and from 1,200 ft. above the surface at Galena, AK (73 FR 66207). The action was proposed in order to create Class E airspace sufficient in size to contain aircraft while executing amended instrument procedures for the Edward G. Pitka Airport. Class E controlled airspace extending upward from 700 ft. and 1,200 ft. above the surface in the Edward G. Pitka Airport area is revised by this action.

Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking proceeding by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received. The rule is adopted as proposed with the following exceptions. The airport's location coordinates have been corrected, and the navigation aid used in the airspace description has been changed to a Very High Frequency Omni-directional Range/Distance Measuring Equipment (VOR/DME).

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 700/1,200 ft. transition areas are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9S, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, signed October 3, 2008, and effective October 31, 2008, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

The Rule

This amendment to 14 CFR part 71 revises Class E airspace at the Edward G. Pitka Airport, at Galena, Alaska. This Class E airspace is revised to accommodate aircraft executing amended instrument procedures, and will be depicted on aeronautical charts

for pilot reference. The intended effect of this rule is to provide adequate controlled airspace for Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at the Edward G. Pitka Airport, Galena, 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. Because 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.

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle 1, 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 1, Section 40103, Sovereignty and use of airspace. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to ensure the safe and efficient use of the navigable airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it creates Class E airspace sufficient in size to contain aircraft executing instrument procedures for the Edward G. Pitka Airport and represents the FAA's continuing effort to safely and efficiently use the navigable airspace.

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 7400.9S, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, signed October 3, 2008, and effective October 31, 2008, is amended as follows:

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 Galena, AK [Revised]

Galena, Galena International Airport, AK (Lat. 64°44'10" N., long. 156°56'15" W.)
Galena VOR/DME (Lat. 64°44'17" N., long. 156°46'38" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.7-mile radius of the Edward G. Pitka Airport, AK, and within 14 miles of the Galena VOR/DME, AK, extending clockwise from the 088° radial to the 163° radial of the Galena VOR/DME, AK, and within 22 miles of the Galena VOR/DME, AK, extending from the 268° radial to the 315° radial of the Galena VOR/DME, AK, and within 4 miles north of the 088° radial of the Galena VOR/DME, AK, extending from the 6.7-mile radius of the Edward G. Pitka Airport to 14 miles east of the Galena VOR/DME, AK, and within 4 miles south of the 268° radial of the Galena VOR/DME, AK, extending from the 6.7-mile radius to 22 miles west of the Galena VOR/DME, AK; and that airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface within a 73-mile radius of the Edward G. Pitka Airport, AK.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2008-0988; Airspace Docket No. 08-ASW-20]

Revocation of Class E Airspace; Rockport, TX

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action removes Class E airspace at Rockport, TX. This airspace has been incorporated into the Corpus Christi, TX, Class E airspace area under

a separate rulemaking action to ensure the safety of aircraft and efficient use of airspace.

DATES: *Effective Date:* 0901 UTC, May 7, 2009. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under 1 CFR Part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.9 and publication of conforming amendments.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

History

On, November 26, 2008, the FAA published in the **Federal Register** a notice of proposed rulemaking to amend Class E airspace at Corpus Christi, TX (73 FR 71965, Docket No. FAA-2008-0987). This amendment included provisions to incorporate the Rockport, TX, Class E airspace area into the Corpus Christi, TX, Class E airspace area. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received. Class E airspace designations are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9S signed October 3, 2008, and effective October 31, 2008, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR Part 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in that Order.

The Rule

This action amends Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) Part 71 by revoking Class E airspace at Rockport, TX. This airspace has been incorporated into the Corpus Christi, TX, Class E airspace area under a separate rulemaking action.

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. Therefore, this 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 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 U.S. Code. Subtitle 1, 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 assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it removes controlled airspace at Rockport, TX.

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, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE 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 Part 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9S, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, signed October 3, 2008, and effective October 31, 2008, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6005 Class E Airspace Extending Upward From 700 Feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth.

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ASW TX E5 Rockport, TX [Removed]

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2008-0661; Airspace Docket No. 08-AAL-19]

Establishment of Colored Federal Airways; Alaska

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action establishes Colored Federal Airway Blue 7 (B-7), in Alaska. This action adds to the Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) airway and route structure in Alaska by providing IFR connectivity between Cape Newenham, AK, and Bethel, AK. The FAA is taking this action to enhance safety and improve the management of air traffic operations in the State of Alaska.

DATES: *Effective Dates:* 0901 UTC, May 7, 2009. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under 1 CFR part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.9 and publication of conforming amendments.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

History

On October 30, 2008, the FAA published in the **Federal Register** a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to establish Federal Airway B-7 in Alaska (73 FR 64573). Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on this proposal. No comments were received in response to the NPRM. Based on further analysis of publication requirements the description of B-7 will be reversed and listed from Cape Newenham to Oscarville instead of from Oscarville to Cape Newenham. With the exception of editorial changes, and the change described above, this amendment is the same as that proposed in the NPRM.

Colored Federal airways are published in paragraph 6009, of FAA Order 7400.9S signed October 3, 2008, and effective October 31, 2008, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Colored Federal airway listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.