

consequences of the Fitness for Duty rule lies within the prescriptive requirements for minimum days off (MDO) that appear in 10 CFR 26.205(d)(3), (d)(4), (d)(5), and (d)(6). The petitioner states that the current requirements have created an undue level of complexity and inflexibility in managing worker fatigue, and requests that the NRC replace its MDO requirements at 10 CFR 26.205(d) with a performance-based objective. The petitioner proposes eliminating the MDO requirements addressed in 10 CFR 26.205(d)(3) through (d)(6).

The petitioner also proposes performing the actual hours worked assessment required by 10 CFR 26.205(e) on a more frequent quarterly basis as opposed to annually, and to perform the averaging over the previous quarter as opposed to over a shift cycle. The petitioner proposes that 10 CFR 26.205(e)(1)(i) be amended to establish a performance objective of an average of 54 hours per week (when not in a site outage, security outage, or increased threat condition), and any hours exceeding this objective would continue to be entered into a corrective action program.

Other changes that the petitioner proposes include:

- The elimination of the definitions of shift cycle, and 8-, 10-, and 12-hour shift schedules;
- The elimination of the outage duration of 60 days;
- The elimination of the force-on-force tactical exercise exception at 10 CFR 26.207(b);
- The elimination of the word “unscheduled” in the discussion of incidental duties at 10 CFR 26.205(b)(5);
- The addition of a new exception at 10 CFR 26.207(e) to address the suspension of work hours due to acts of nature or disasters that restrict access to the site by relief personnel;
- The modification of the exception for plant emergencies in 10 CFR 26.207(d) so that it applies as long as emergency facilities are activated in accordance with the licensee’s emergency plan or implementing procedures; and
- The proposed change to the definition of “unit outage,” as submitted by the Professional Reactor Operator Society in a petition for rulemaking dated October 16, 2009 (PRM–26–3) (74 FR 62257), and modified in a letter from NEI dated February 9, 2010.

The petitioner believes that the implementation of the Fitness for Duty rule has resulted in a number of unintended consequences (numerous examples are cited in the petition) that have diminished the safety benefits of

the rule. The petitioner believes that the petition addresses these consequences by proposing amendments that will make the requirements more performance-based, resulting in improved flexibility in work scheduling while maintaining adequate provisions to protect against worker fatigue.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of October 2010.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
Annette Vietti-Cook,
Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA–2010–0936; Airspace Docket No. 10–AEA–23]

Proposed Amendment of Class E Airspace and Revocation of Class E Airspace; Easton, MD

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This action proposes to modify Class E surface airspace and airspace 700 feet above the surface, and remove Class E airspace designated as an extension to Class D airspace at Easton, MD. The Easton Non-Directional Beacon (NDB) has been decommissioned and new Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPs) have been developed for Easton Airport/Newnam Field. This action would enhance the safety and airspace management of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at the airport.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 6, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on this rule to: U. S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey, SE., Washington, DC 20590–0001; Telephone: 1–800–647–5527; Fax: 202–493–2251. You must identify the Docket Number FAA–2010–0936; Airspace Docket No. 10–AEA–23, at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit and review received comments through the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melinda Giddens, Operations Support Group, Eastern Service Center, Federal Aviation Administration, P.O. Box

20636, Atlanta, Georgia 30320; telephone (404) 305–5610.

SUPPLEMENTARY 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 (FAA Docket No. FAA–2010–0936; Airspace Docket No. 10–AEA–23) 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>.

Comments 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 Docket No. FAA–2010–0936; Airspace Docket No. 10–AEA–23.” 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/airports_airtraffic/air_traffic/publications/airspace_amendments/.

You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office (*see the 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.

Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRMs 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 Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 to modify Class E surface airspace and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface to accommodate new SIAPs developed for Easton Airport/Newnam Field, Easton, MD, as the Easton NDB has been decommissioned. This eliminates the need for Class E airspace designated as an extension to Class D surface area, and, therefore, would be removed for the continued safety and management of IFR operations.

Class E airspace designated as surface areas, Class E airspace designated as extensions to Class D airspace, and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface are published in Paragraph 6002, 6004, and 6005 respectively of FAA order 7400.9U, dated August 18, 2010, and effective September 15, 2010, 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 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, would 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 proposed 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 proposed regulation is within the scope of that authority as it would amend the Class E airspace area at Easton Airport/Newnam Field, Easton, MD.

Lists 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, B, C, D, AND CLASS E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

1. The authority citation for 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 7400.9U, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 18, 2010, effective September 15, 2010, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6002 Class E airspace designated as surface areas.

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AEA MD E2 Easton, MD [AMENDED]

Easton Airport/Newnam Field, MD
(Lat. 38°48'15" N., long. 76°04'08" W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 2,600 feet MSL within a 4.0-mile radius of the Easton Airport/Newnam Field. This Class E airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Airport/Facility Directory.

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Paragraph 6004 Class E airspace areas designated as an extension to a class D surface area.

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AEA MD E4 Easton, MD [REMOVED]

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Paragraph 6005 Class E airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth.

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AEA MD E5 Easton, MD [AMENDED]

Easton Airport/Newnam Field, MD
(Lat. 38°48'15" N., long. 76°04'08" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface of the Earth within a 6.5-mile radius of the Easton Airport/Newnam Field.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2010-1010 Airspace
Docket No. 10-AEA-24]

Proposed Amendment of Class E Airspace; Charleston, WV

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This action proposes to modify Class E Airspace at Charleston, WV, to accommodate the additional airspace needed for the holding pattern associated with the new Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPs) developed at Yeager Airport. This action would enhance the safety and airspace management of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at the airport.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 6, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on this rule to: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001; Telephone: 1-800-647-5527; Fax: 202-493-2251. You must identify the Docket Number FAA-2010-1010; Airspace Docket No. 10-AEA-24, at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit and review received comments through the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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