The Rule

This action amends Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) Part 71 by establishing Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the within a 2-mile radius of Donlin Creek Airport, and within 2-miles each side of the 312° bearing extending from the 2-mile radius to 8.5-miles northwest of the airport to accommodate new RNAV (GPS) standard instrument approach procedures at the airport. This action is necessary for the safety and management of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations.

The FAA has determined 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 only affects air traffic management of IFR operations, this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy 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, B, C, D AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

§ 71.1 [Amended]

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR part 71 continues to read as follows:


§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9X, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 7, 2013, and effective September 15, 2013 is 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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Donlin Creek Airport, AK (Lat. 62°01′57″ N., long. 158°14′11″ W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 2-mile radius of Donlin Creek Airport, and within 2-miles each side of the 312° bearing extending from the 2-mile radius to 8.5-miles northwest of the airport.


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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71


Revocation of Class E airspace; Danville, IL

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action removes Class E airspace at Danville, IL. The FAA has determined that, because of changes in the composition of flight operations at Vermilion Regional Airport, a Class E surface area is no longer needed to enhance the safety and management of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at the airport.

DATES: Effective date: 0901 UTC, February 6, 2014.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

History

On August 26, 2013, the FAA published in the Federal Register a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to revoke Class E airspace for the Danville, IL, area, removing controlled airspace at Vermilion Regional Airport (78 FR 52718) Docket No. FAA–2013–0657. 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 6002 of FAA Order 7400.9X dated August 7, 2013, and effective September 15, 2013, 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 action amends Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) Part 71 by removing Class E airspace designated as a surface area at Vermilion Regional Airport, Danville, IL. Curtailment of scheduled air taxi service and changes in airport usage has rendered this airspace unnecessary for the safety and management of IFR operations at the airport.

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

Environmental Review

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1E, “Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures,” paragraph 311a. This airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances exist, that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment.
impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that only affects air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, does 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 Vermilion Regional Airport, Danville, IL.

Environmental Review

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1E, “Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures,” paragraph 311a. This airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment.

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:


§71.1 [Amended]

\(2\) The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Admin. Order 7400.6X, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 7, 2013, and effective September 15, 2013, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6002  Class E airspace designated as surface areas.

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Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on November 27, 2013.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

14 CFR Parts 1204, 1230, and 1232

[Docket Number: NASA 2013–0004]

RIN 2700–AE11

Removal of Redundant Regulations

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Direct final rule.

SUMMARY: This direct final rule makes nonsubstantive changes by removing redundant regulatory language that is already captured in statutes that govern NASA activities related to delegation of authority of certain civil rights functions, protection of human subjects, and care and use of animals in the conduct of NASA activities. Therefore, NASA regulations will be streamlined to make reference to those statutes.

DATES: This direct final rule is effective on February 14, 2014. Comments are due on or before January 15, 2014. If adverse comments are received, NASA will publish a timely withdrawal of the rule in the Federal Register.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be identified with RIN 2700–AE11 and may be sent to NASA via the Federal E-Rulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Please note that NASA will post all comments on the Internet with changes, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nanette Jennings, 202–358–0819.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Direct Final Rule Adverse Comments

NASA has determined this rulemaking meets the criteria for a direct final rule because it involves nonsubstantive changes to remove redundant regulatory language in 14 CFR 1204.508 and Parts 1230 and 1232 that is already captured in statutes and regulations that govern NASA activities related to delegation of authority of certain civil rights functions, protection of human subjects, and care and use of animals in the conduct of NASA activities. Therefore, Section 1204.508 and Parts 1230 and 1232 will be streamlined to make reference to the governing statutes and regulations. No opposition to the changes and no significant adverse comments are expected. However, if the Agency receives a significant adverse comment, it will withdraw this direct final rule by publishing a notice in the Federal Register. A significant adverse comment is one that explains: (1) Why the direct final rule is inappropriate, including challenges to the rule’s underlying premise or approach; or (2) why the direct final rule will be ineffective or unacceptable without a change. In determining whether a comment necessitates withdrawal of this direct final rule, NASA will consider whether it warrants a substantive response in a notice and comment process.

Background

On January 18, 2011, President Obama signed Executive Order 13563, Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review, directing agencies to develop a plan for a retrospective analysis of existing regulations. NASA developed its plan and published it on the Agency’s open Government Web site at http://www.nasa.gov/open/. The Agency conducted an analysis of its existing regulations to comply with the Order and determined that Section 1204.508, Delegation of Authority of Certain Civil Rights Functions to Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Part 1230, Protection of Human Subjects, and Part 1232, Care and Use of Animals in the Conduct of NASA Activities, are redundant to governing statutes and regulations, and therefore need to be streamlined.

Section 1204.508, Delegation of Authority of Certain Civil Rights Functions to Department of Health, Education, and Welfare—The Civil Rights Act of 1964 [Pub. L. 88–352] prohibited discrimination in a host of areas, including employment and Federally-assisted programs and activities. To comply with this Act, NASA promulgated section 1204.508 [32 FR 3883] on March 9, 1967. Additionally, to implement the provisions of this Act, the Agency promulgated internal policies and requirements, as well as entered into memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Department of Education (DOED) on November 12, 1987. Because