

eligible for early-out even if they meet the 5 years requirement; the 2014 Farm Bill specifies that the following types of land will not be eligible for early-out:

- Filterstrips, waterways, strips adjacent to riparian areas, windbreaks, and shelterbelts;
- Land with an erodibility index of more than 15;
- Land devoted to hardwood trees;
- Wildlife habitat, duck nesting habitat, pollinator habitat, upland bird habitat buffer, wildlife food plots, State acres for wildlife enhancement, shallow water areas for wildlife, and rare and declining habitat;
- Farmable wetland and restored wetland;
- Land that contains diversions, erosion control structures, flood control structures, contour grass strips, living snow fences, salinity reducing vegetation, cross wind trap strips, and sediment retention structures;
- Land located within a federally designated wellhead protection area;
- Land that is covered by an easement under CRP;
- Land located within an average width, according to the applicable Natural Resources Conservation Service field office technical guide, of a perennial stream or permanent water body; and
- Land enrolled under the conservation reserve enhancement program.

The producer may request the early-out, and it will be effective upon approval by the FSA County Office Committee. The start and end dates for requesting the early-out will be determined by the Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs and will be announced later by a news release.

The 2014 Farm Bill did not change the following provisions for prorated rental payment, renewed enrollment, conservation requirements, and liability for contract violation:

If an early-out terminates a CRP contract before the end of the fiscal year for which a CRP rental payment is due, FSA will provide a prorated rental payment covering the portion of the fiscal year during which the CRP contract was in effect.

An early-out will not affect the ability of the owner or operator that requested the early-out to submit a subsequent bid to enroll the land that was subject to the CRP contract into CRP.

If the producer returns land that was subject to a CRP contract to production of an agricultural commodity, the conservation requirements for highly erodible land conservation and wetland conservation under 7 CFR part 12 and

16 U.S.C. Chapter 58, subchapters II and III, will apply.

The early-out does not relieve the producer of liability for a contract violation occurring before the date of the contract termination.

Environmental Review

FSA is currently analyzing discretionary changes to CRP authorized by the provisions of the 2014 Farm Bill by preparing a Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (SPEIS), as was announced in a separate notice in the **Federal Register** on November 29, 2013 (78 FR 71561–71562). However, FSA has determined, in accordance with 7 CFR 799.9(d), “Ensuring That Environmental Factors are Considered in Agency Decisionmaking,” and 40 CFR parts 1500–1508 (the NEPA implementing the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality) that the continuation of continuous CRP, the restarting of CRP TIP, and a 1-year contract extension for certain expiring CRP contract holders consistent with the current implementing regulations, will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Therefore, no environmental assessment or environmental impact statement will be prepared on these specific program provisions as specified in this document.

Signed on June 2, 2014.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

9 CFR Part 310

[Docket No. FSIS–2012–0038]

Changes to Salmonella Verification Sampling Program: Analysis of Raw Beef for Shiga Toxin-Producing *Escherichia coli* and *Salmonella*

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Response to comments.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is responding to comments on an August 28, 2013, **Federal Register** document, “Changes to *Salmonella* Verification Sampling Program: Analysis of Raw Beef for Shiga Toxin-Producing *Escherichia coli* and *Salmonella*” and announcing its plans

to begin analyzing for *Salmonella* all beef product it analyzes for Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* (STEC). After reviewing the comments received on the August 2013 document, FSIS is affirming the plans for addressing *Salmonella* in raw beef products that it announced in that document and will proceed with implementing those plans.

DATES: On June 29, 2014, FSIS will discontinue *Salmonella* sampling set procedures (“HC01”) in ground beef products, except in establishments with results that exceeded the standard for *Salmonella* in that establishment’s most recently completed set (*i.e.*, in those establishments in Category 3). At the same time, FSIS will begin analyzing for *Salmonella* all raw beef samples it collects for STEC analysis and will increase the raw ground beef sample portion for *Salmonella* analysis from 25 grams to 325 grams.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 28, 2013, FSIS published in the **Federal Register** a document announcing changes that it intended to make in its *Salmonella* sampling program for raw beef products (78 FR 53017). The Agency requested comment on these changes, with the aim of assessing whether it should alter any of its plans on the basis of the information or data it received.

FSIS announced that it would begin analyzing for *Salmonella* all samples of raw ground beef, beef manufacturing trimmings, bench trim, and other raw ground beef components that it collects for STEC testing, including raw ground beef products FSIS samples at retail stores and ground beef, trim, and other raw ground beef components FSIS samples at import establishments. FSIS also explained that when it begins analyzing for *Salmonella* the product collected for STEC analysis, the Agency will also begin analyzing for *Salmonella* the follow-up samples it collects in response to STEC positive results. FSIS further explained that it is not making any changes to the STEC sampling and testing programs at this time.

FSIS announced that, once the “co-analysis” begins, it would increase the raw ground beef sample portion for *Salmonella* analysis from 25 grams to 325 grams. FSIS explained that to support an increase in the sample size analyzed, FSIS evaluated the FSIS

Salmonella detection method (FSIS Microbiology Laboratory Guidebook Chapter 4.06) using 325 gram samples. Based on this analysis, FSIS expects the increase in the analytical portion size to have at least the same, but likely more of a positive, impact on public health because the likelihood of detecting positive samples increases with the analytical portion size.

FSIS described how it intends to use results generated from its raw ground beef (MT43) and beef manufacturing trimming (MT60) verification sampling programs to estimate the *Salmonella* prevalence in those products and to develop a new *Salmonella* performance standard for ground beef product. FSIS explained that the low incidence of *Salmonella* on beef manufacturing trimmings does not support development of a *Salmonella* performance standard for those trimmings. FSIS also explained that, because of the limited number of available samples scheduled and collected, the Agency does not believe it is possible to estimate prevalence for *Salmonella* in raw ground beef components other than beef manufacturing trimmings (such as bench trim).

FSIS explained that it intends to develop a new performance standard that will likely lead establishments producing ground beef to strengthen their own *Salmonella* control measures. Such changes at establishments will likely have a positive impact on public health.

FSIS also announced that it intends to enumerate samples that confirm *Salmonella*-positive using the Most Probable Number (MPN) quantitative procedure, and that it will continue to evaluate *Salmonella* isolates from the screen-positive samples for multi-drug resistance, to serotype the samples, and to use pulsed-field gel electrophoresis (PFGE) to identify specific strains of *Salmonella*. FSIS explained that, through this analysis, FSIS will determine whether Agency-positive *Salmonella* results are associated with illnesses or serotypes of human health significance. If FSIS finds that establishments have produced product associated with illness, FSIS will typically conduct an Incident Investigation Team Review or Food Safety Assessment at the establishment.

FSIS also announced in the same document that, except for establishments with results that exceeded the standard for *Salmonella* in that establishment's most recently completed set (i.e., those establishments in category 3), it would discontinue *Salmonella* sampling sets for ground

beef products at least until it establishes a revised *Salmonella* performance standard for ground beef. FSIS explained that, when collecting samples for a *Salmonella* set, FSIS inspection program personnel submit the samples to FSIS laboratories for analysis over a defined number of sequential days of production to complete the sample set.

FSIS stated that it would consider alternatives to set-based testing for *Salmonella*, including a "moving window" approach to process control, to be put into effect when the revised performance standard is implemented. FSIS explained that under a "moving window" approach, the Agency would evaluate a certain number of sequential results from a single establishment to assess process control. For example, if the Agency chose to evaluate 20 results under the "moving window" approach, it would assess the most recent 20 FSIS results for a particular establishment. FSIS explained that this new approach would allow for on-going scheduled *Salmonella* sampling, similar to the approach FSIS uses for STEC testing, and would provide FSIS with more flexibility for scheduling sample collection at different establishments. The Agency requested comment on the "moving window" approach.

In addition, FSIS explained that it is considering implementing new sampling of product classes not subject to the Agency's sampling and testing for *Salmonella*. The Agency stated that it was considering sampling and testing for *Salmonella* in pork trim, pork parts, ground pork, chicken parts, and lamb carcasses.

FSIS explained that the changes that it announced to its *Salmonella* sampling procedures would permit it to analyze more samples at the same time at lower cost to the Agency than does the current method. Through this new approach, FSIS will be able to analyze for *Salmonella* beef manufacturing trimmings and other raw ground beef components at slaughter establishments. Sampling these products will provide FSIS more information about *Salmonella* at these establishments than FSIS was able to gather through carcass testing.

The final rule "Pathogen Reduction; Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (PR/HACCP) Systems," which FSIS published on July 25, 1996 (61 FR 38805–38989; <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/rdad/FRPubs/93-016F.pdf>), set *Salmonella* performance standards for establishments producing selected classes of raw meat products, including ground beef, steers and heifers, and cows and bulls (9 CFR 310.25(b)). In 2011, FSIS stopped sampling and

testing for *Salmonella* in steers and heifers and cows and bulls because percent positive findings were very low (less than one percent), and this carcass sampling was expensive for the Agency.

After carefully considering all comments received, FSIS has determined that no changes are needed in the plans it announced in the August 2013 **Federal Register** document. Thus, on June 29, 2014, FSIS will discontinue *Salmonella* sampling set procedures in ground beef products ("HC01"), except in those establishments in Category 3. At the same time, FSIS will begin analyzing for *Salmonella* all raw beef samples it collects for STEC analysis and will increase the raw ground beef sample portion for *Salmonella* analysis from 25 grams to 325 grams.

Also, consistent with what the Agency announced in the August 2013 **Federal Register** document, FSIS intends to use the results from its verification sampling program to estimate *Salmonella* prevalence in raw ground beef and beef manufacturing trimmings and to develop a new *Salmonella* performance standard for ground beef product. FSIS will announce any new standard in the **Federal Register** and request comment on it before implementing it. FSIS intends to develop and propose the new standard next fiscal year.

In addition, FSIS announced its *Salmonella* Action Plan on December 4, 2013.¹ According to the plan, FSIS intends to complete a risk assessment and develop *Salmonella* performance standards for comminuted poultry and poultry parts this fiscal year and performance standards and, if needed, sampling programs for hog carcasses and pork products next fiscal year.

The following is a summary of the relevant comments received and FSIS's responses.

Summary of Comments and Responses

FSIS received ten comments in response to the August 2013 **Federal Register** document. The comments were from trade associations, private citizens, consumer advocacy associations, including a joint submission from two consumer advocacy organizations, a large meat processor, and a foreign government.

A. General Support for the Proposed Changes

Comments: Most of the comments supported the proposed changes to procedures for *Salmonella* verification

¹ <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/food-safety-education/get-answers/food-safety-fact-sheets/foodborne-illness-and-disease/salmonella/sap>.

sampling and testing of raw beef products because the changes will improve Agency efficiencies. In addition, several comments supported the Agency's intent to estimate *Salmonella* prevalence in raw beef products, to serotype or enumerate positive samples, to identify specific strains of *Salmonella*, and to develop a new *Salmonella* performance standard for ground beef.

B. General Opposition to Verification Sampling and Testing of Raw Beef Products

Comment: One private citizen opposed FSIS verification sampling and testing for *Salmonella* in raw beef products because of recent research suggesting that *Salmonella* may naturally occur in the lymph nodes of cattle. According to the commenter, this detail makes it impossible for establishments to completely eliminate *Salmonella* from any raw beef product. The commenter recommended that, rather than focusing on verification sampling at the establishment, FSIS focus its resources on researching pre-harvest controls for *Salmonella* in cattle and educating consumers on how to properly handle and cook raw beef products.

Response: FSIS collects samples of meat and poultry products from an establishment for pathogen testing to verify whether the establishment is effectively addressing the pathogen. When FSIS collects product for *Salmonella* analysis as part of a set, FSIS verifies whether the establishment is maintaining process control in slaughter or certain processing operations. FSIS uses the results of these and other verification tasks to guide policy development and focus Agency resources on those activities that will best protect public health.

In May 2010, FSIS issued guidance to beef slaughter establishments on pre-harvest management controls for reducing *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) O157:H7 shedding in beef cattle.² FSIS is updating this guidance to include other STEC and intends to make the updated guidance available to the establishments soon. Similarly, in November 2011, FSIS met with stakeholders to discuss pre-harvest pathogen control strategies for reducing prevalence of STEC and of *Salmonella* in and on cattle (76 FR 63901; Oct. 14, 2011). In addition, FSIS conducts multiple consumer education

campaigns to inform the American public of the proper methods for handling and cooking meat and poultry, so that any potential food-safety hazard is reduced to a minimum.³

Comment: A large meat processor generally opposed FSIS verification sampling and testing of portioned fine and coarse ground beef products that are ground at a primary establishment and subsequently portioned at a second establishment because sampling and testing of product from the second establishment is potentially duplicative.

Response: FSIS collects samples of ground product at establishments that grind product or form patties. FSIS does not collect samples of ground beef products for *E. coli* O157:H7 (or other STEC) analysis at establishments that only pack or portion and do not grind or form patties. When FSIS begins analyzing all raw beef samples collected for STEC analysis for *Salmonella*, FSIS would also analyze any raw ground beef product samples (e.g., formed raw beef patties) collected for *E. coli* O157:H7 for *Salmonella*.

C. Larger Analytical Sample Portion

Comment: Two trade associations requested additional information on the protocol for obtaining the larger 325-gram analytical portion used for *Salmonella* testing.

Response: FSIS inspection program personnel will continue to collect samples of raw beef products for FSIS verification testing using the collection protocols outlined in FSIS Directive 10,010.1⁴ and associated FSIS Notices. FSIS has determined that the amount of product inspectors currently collect (about 2 lb or 907 g) will provide the FSIS laboratories with sufficient product to analyze the samples using the larger analytical portion (325 g) for both *Salmonella* and STEC.

Comment: A trade association and a large meat processor requested that the Agency consider and make note of the larger portion for *Salmonella* analysis when reporting program results because the larger analytical portion will likely yield more positive results.

Response: When FSIS begins posting on its Web page the results obtained using the larger analytical portion, FSIS will note that the results are from samples it analyzed using the larger portion size. In addition, the Agency will report periodically to each establishment whose product the Agency collects the establishment's test

results compared with industry-wide results. FSIS will also post aggregate results of this testing as part of its quarterly report on *Salmonella*.

Comment: Another trade association suggested that FSIS evaluate whether increasing the analytical portion from 25 to 325 grams increases the likelihood of detecting *Salmonella* positive samples.

Response: As noted above, based on the analysis discussed in the 2013 **Federal Register** document, FSIS expects the increase in the analytical portion size to have at least the same, but likely more of a positive impact on public health because the likelihood of detecting positive samples increases with the analytical portion size.

Comment: One trade association noted that many of its members supply raw beef products to the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) for various Federal food and nutrition assistance programs. The association asked FSIS to coordinate with AMS on related sampling protocol requirements to ensure a seamless transition.

Response: FSIS has notified AMS of its intent to make changes in its *Salmonella* verification sampling program for raw beef products.

D. Estimating Prevalence

Comment: The consumer group joint submission stated that FSIS failed to address two critical statistical requirements when estimating prevalence of *Salmonella* in ground beef: the sampling must be representative of population and the sampling must provide desired precision.

Response: The statistical sampling design for FSIS's raw ground beef verification sampling program is detailed in the Report on the Food Safety and Inspection Service's Microbiological and Residue Sampling Programs (FSIS, 2011).⁵ The sampling design is volume-weighted (i.e., probability is proportional to sample size) to provide for sampling that is representative of national production volume.

In 2012, FSIS determined that its MT43 sampling program is sufficiently representative and provides the needed precision to compute prevalence of *E. coli* O157:H7 in raw ground beef.⁶ Moreover, FSIS expects that *Salmonella* will occur in raw beef products at a rate

² Available at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/wcm/connect/d5314cc7-1ef7-4586-bca2-f2ed86d9532f/Reducing_Ecoli_Shedding_In_Cattle_0510.pdf?MOD=AJPERES.

³ See <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/food-safety-education>.

⁴ Available at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/wcm/connect/c100dd64-e2e7-408a-8b27-ebb378959071/10010.1Rev3.pdf?MOD=AJPERES>.

⁵ Available at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/wcm/connect/0816b926-c7ee-4c24-9222-34ac674ec047/FSIS_Sampling_Programs_Report.pdf?MOD=AJPERES.

⁶ Available at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/wcm/connect/56b2ccbd-ad57-4311-b6df-289822d28115/Prevalence_Estimates_Report.pdf?MOD=AJPERES.

higher than that for *E. coli* in raw ground beef. For these reasons, FSIS's ground beef verification sampling program will adequately support the development of an estimate of the prevalence of *Salmonella* in raw beef products.

E. Risk Assessment

Comment: A trade association requested that FSIS also conduct a risk assessment that addresses the risk that *Salmonella* presents in pork, chicken, turkey, and ready-to-eat products.

Response: As previously stated, FSIS intends to complete a risk assessment for *Salmonella* in comminuted poultry and poultry parts this fiscal year. FSIS will develop additional risk assessments concerning *Salmonella* and other products as necessary, for example, should FSIS decide to evaluate whether to propose performance standards for additional products.

F. Development of a Salmonella Performance Standard

Comment: Because beef products have the greatest seasonal variation among the products subject to FSIS verification sampling and testing, several industry trade associations and a large meat processor asked that FSIS ensure it has data from at least a 12-month period before conducting the risk assessment and developing a performance standard.

Response: As the new ground beef data are collected, FSIS will evaluate the suitability of those data for use in performance standard development. It should be noted, however, that the current ground beef performance standard was developed using approximately 7 months of data.⁷

G. "Moving Window" Approach

Comment: Several comments requested a more detailed explanation of how the "moving window" approach will work. More specifically, the joint submission requested additional information on how big the window would be, how often the Agency would sample product at a single establishment, and the Agency's analytical capacity to adequately take such an approach. An industry trade association requested that FSIS develop a written protocol for this approach and make the protocol available for review and comment prior to implementation.

Response: As explained in the August 2013 **Federal Register** document, FSIS intends to take a "moving window" approach when scheduling sampling

and evaluating results generated by its *Salmonella* verification testing program for ground beef products under a new performance standard. With a "moving window" approach, FSIS will evaluate a predetermined number of sequential results for ground beef product from a single establishment to assess process control. The size of the moving window and the threshold for positives within that window will be included in the performance standard developed. At the same time it announces the new performance standard for raw ground beef, FSIS will detail its plans for the new approach in the **Federal Register** and consider any comments received on it prior to implementation. FSIS is considering using this approach for all *Salmonella* performance standards and will provide more explanation of how the approach will work for all classes of product.

Comment: Several trade associations requested clarification on how the Agency will respond with follow-up sampling in the event of a positive *Salmonella* result when the sample is negative for STEC.

Response: As FSIS explained in the 2013 **Federal Register** document, because FSIS does not typically consider *Salmonella* an adulterant in raw beef, when FSIS begins analyzing samples collected for STEC analysis for *Salmonella*, FSIS will not routinely conduct follow-up sampling in response to a single positive *Salmonella* result. However, if FSIS *Salmonella* testing data from an establishment show a high number of positives, high levels of *Salmonella* for each positive, or serotypes of human health significance, FSIS may perform follow-up testing or conduct a for-cause Food Safety Assessment that includes follow-up testing or take other appropriate actions, such as additional sanitary dressing verification procedures, at the establishment that produced the product.

H. Import Inspection

Comment: A foreign government requested clarification on regulatory control actions the Agency will take when raw beef product imported into the United States is sampled by FSIS at the port of entry and tests positive for *Salmonella*.

Response: As stated above, *Salmonella* is not an adulterant in raw meat products. Therefore, a positive test result for *Salmonella* in imported raw beef product sampled by FSIS import inspection personnel would not result in regulatory control actions at port-of-entry.

FSIS does not collect imported raw products for *Salmonella* analysis. FSIS stated that it intended to begin testing for *Salmonella* imported raw beef products it samples for STEC in the August 2013 **Federal Register** document. On June 29, 2014, FSIS will begin analyzing for *Salmonella* all imported raw beef samples it collects for STEC analysis. FSIS will post aggregate results of this testing on the FSIS Web site as part of its quarterly report on *Salmonella*. In addition, FSIS will use enumeration and serotype data of this testing to identify trends within the sampling data, to determine whether an isolate has a historical association with human illness, and to identify clusters of patterns.

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⁷ Available at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/wcm/connect/317ae862-1980-4c87-9bea-85bf4491b420/rwgrbeef.pdf?MOD=AJPERES>.

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Done at Washington, DC, on June 2, 2014.

Alfred V. Almanza,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA–2013–0097; Airspace
Docket No. 14–ASO–4]

Amendment of Class E Airspace; Newnan, GA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation
Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends Class E Airspace at Newnan, GA, as new Standard Instrument Approach Procedures have been developed at Newnan Coweta County Airport. This enhances the safety and management of aircraft operations at the airport. This action also updates the geographic coordinates of airport.

DATES: Effective 0901 UTC, July, 24, 2014. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under title 1, Code of Federal Regulations, 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 March 18, 2014, the FAA published in the **Federal Register** a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend Class E airspace at, Newnan Coweta County Airport, Newnan, GA. (79 FR 15065). 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 7400.9X 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 amendment to Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 amends Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Newnan Coweta County Airport, Newnan, GA. A segment is added from the 6.5-mile radius of the airport to 14 miles southeast of the airport to support new Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and for continued safety and management of IFR operations at the airport. The geographic coordinates of the airport also are adjusted to be in concert with FAA's aeronautical database.

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, is non-controversial and unlikely to result in adverse or negative comments. 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 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 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 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 amends controlled airspace at Newnan Coweta County Airport, Newnan, GA.

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.

Lists 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 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 7400.9X, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 7, 2013, 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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ASO GA E5 Newnan, GA [Amended]

Newnan Coweta County Airport, GA
(Lat. 33°18'42" N., long. 84°46'11" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.5-mile radius of Newnan Coweta County Airport, and within 2 miles each side of the 140° bearing from the airport, extending from the 6.5-mile radius to 14 miles southeast of the airport.

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