

air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

The Proposal

The FAA proposes an amendment to Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations part 71 to amend Class D airspace for Smyrna, TN as the FAA has determined that extensions of 1.2 miles each side of the 142° bearing from the airport, extending from the 3.9-mile radius to 5.5-miles southeast of the airport, and within 1.2-miles each side of the 181° bearing from the airport, extending from the 3.9-mile radius to 5.5-miles south of the airport are necessary for the safety of IFR aircraft landing at Smyrna Airport. Also, the Class D ceiling would be reduced from 3,000 feet to 2,500 feet as per the request of the air traffic facilities involved. In addition, the FAA proposes to update Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface by increasing the airport radius from 9-miles to 11.5 miles. Also, the reference to Nashville Class C, in the Class D description, would be removed as it is not necessary (7400.11, 1003.b).

Class D airspace and Class E airspace designations are published in Paragraphs 5000 and 6005, respectively, of FAA Order 7400.11E, dated July 21, 2020, and effective September 15, 2020, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class D and E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

FAA Order 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

Regulatory Notices and Analyses

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 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.

Environmental Review

This proposal will be subject to an environmental analysis in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, “Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures” prior to any FAA final regulatory action.

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 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(f), 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 7400.11E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated July 21, 2020, and effective September 15, 2020, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 5000 Class D Airspace.

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ASO TN D Smyrna, TN [Amended]

Smyrna Airport, TN
(Lat. 36°00'32" N, long. 86°31'12" W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to but not including 2,500 feet MSL within a 3.9-mile radius of the Smyrna Airport, and within 1.2 miles each side of the 142° bearing from the airport, extending from the 3.9-mile radius to 5.5-miles southeast of the airport, and within 1.2-miles each side of the 181° bearing from the airport, extending from the 3.9-mile radius to 5.5-miles south of the airport. This Class D airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective dates and times will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

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

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ASO TN E5 Nashville, TN [Amended]

Nashville International Airport, TN
(Lat. 36°07'28" N, long. 86°40'41" W)
Smyrna Airport
(Lat. 36°00'32" N, long. 86°31'12" W)
Sumner County Regional Airport
(Lat. 36°22'30" N, long. 86°24'30" W)
Lebanon Municipal Airport

(Lat. 36°11'25" N, long. 86°18'56" W)
Murfreesboro Municipal Airport
(Lat. 35°52'43" N, long. 86°22'39" W)
John C. Tune Airport
(Lat. 36°10'59" N, long. 86°53'11" W)
Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Hospital Point In Space Coordinates
(Lat. 36°08'30" N, long. 86°48'6" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 15 mile radius of Nashville International Airport, and within a 11.5-mile radius of Smyrna Airport, and within a 7-mile radius of Sumner County Regional Airport, and within a 10-mile radius of Lebanon Municipal Airport, and within a 9-mile radius of Murfreesboro Municipal Airport, and within an 8.6-mile radius of John C. Tune Airport, and that airspace within a 6-mile radius of the Point In Space serving Vanderbilt University Medical Center Hospital.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

37 CFR Part 42

[Docket No. PTO–C–2020–0055]

Request for Comments on Discretion To Institute Trials Before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board

AGENCY: Patent Trial and Appeal Board, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Request for comments; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO or Office) published a request for comments in the **Federal Register** on October 20, 2020, seeking public comment on considerations for instituting trials before the Office under the Leahy Smith America Invents Act (AIA). Through this document, the USPTO is extending the period for public comment until December 3, 2020.

DATES: *Comment date:* Written comments must be received on or before December 3, 2020.

ADDRESSES: For reasons of government efficiency, comments must be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov. To submit comments via the portal, enter docket number PTO–C–2020–0055 on the home page and click “search.” The site will provide a search results page listing all

documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this Request for Comments and click on the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments. Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in ADOBE® portable document format or MICROSOFT WORD® format. Because comments will be made available for public inspection, information that the submitter does not desire to make public, such as an address or phone number, should not be included in the comments.

Visit the Federal eRulemaking Portal (www.regulations.gov) for additional instructions on providing comments via the portal. If electronic submission of comments is not feasible due to a lack of access to a computer and/or the internet, please contact the USPTO using the contact information below for special instructions regarding how to submit comments by mail or by hand delivery, based on the public's ability to obtain access to USPTO facilities at the time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott C. Weidenfeller, Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge, by telephone at 571-272-9797.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 20, 2020, the USPTO published a document in the **Federal Register** requesting public input on considerations for instituting trials before the Office under the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (AIA). See Request for Comments on Discretion to Institute Trials Before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, 85 FR 66502 (Oct. 20, 2020). In that document, the USPTO indicated it is considering the codification of its current policies and practices, or the modification thereof, through rulemaking and wished to gather public comments on the Office's current approach and on various other approaches suggested to the Office by stakeholders. To assist in gathering public input, the USPTO published questions, and sought focused public comments, on appropriate considerations for instituting AIA trials. The document requested public comments on or before November 19, 2020.

Through this document, the USPTO is extending the period for public comment until December 3, 2020, to give interested members of the public additional time to submit comments. All other information and instructions to commenters provided in the October 20, 2020, notice remain unchanged.

Previously submitted comments do not need to be resubmitted.

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Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 139

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Vessel Incidental Discharge National Standards of Performance; Public Meetings

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notification.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing three virtual public meetings on its proposed rulemaking Vessel Incidental Discharge National Standards of Performance. The proposed rulemaking promulgated under the Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (VIDA) of 2018 was published in the **Federal Register** on October 26, 2020. The three virtual public meetings will be held in November 2020 to provide a brief background on the rulemaking, identify key changes from existing federal requirements, and describe how to submit comments on the proposed rulemaking. More information on the proposed standards and the directions for meeting proceedings are available on the EPA web page at <https://www.epa.gov/vessels-marinas-and-ports/vessel-incident-discharge-act-vida-engagement-opportunities>.

DATES: The Agency will hold virtual public meetings on November 9, 10, and 17, 2020. Please refer to the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for additional information on the public meetings.

ADDRESSES: EPA will be holding the public meetings virtually. Please register for the public meetings through the following link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6377760488136984080>.

Documents related to the proposal are available for public inspection through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>, Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2019-0482.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Juliette Chausson, Water Division,

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has published for public comment a proposed rulemaking under the Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (VIDA) that would establish national standards of performance for marine pollution control devices for discharges incidental to the normal operation of primarily non-military and non-recreational vessels 79 feet in length and above into the waters of the United States or the waters of the contiguous zone. The proposed standards can be found in the **Federal Register** at 85 FR 67818, October 26, 2020. The proposed national standards of performance were developed in coordination with the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and in consultation with interested Governors. The proposed standards, once finalized and implemented through corresponding USCG regulations addressing implementation, compliance, and enforcement, would reduce the discharge of pollutants from vessels and streamline the current patchwork of federal, state, and local vessel discharge requirements. Additionally, EPA is proposing procedures for states to follow if they choose to petition EPA to issue an emergency order, to review any standard of performance, regulation, or policy, to request additional requirements with respect to discharges in the Great Lakes, or to apply to EPA to prohibit one or more types of vessel discharges proposed for regulation in this rulemaking into specified waters to provide greater environmental protection.

II. Meeting Information

EPA will be hosting three virtual public meetings on these proposed standards to provide a brief background on the rulemaking, identify key changes from existing federal requirements, and describe how to submit comments on the proposed rulemaking to EPA.

Registration for the public meetings is available at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6377760488136984080>. More information on the proposed standards and the directions for meeting proceedings are available on the EPA web page at <https://www.epa.gov/vessels-marinas-and-ports/vessel-incident-discharge-act-vida-engagement-opportunities>.

The schedule for the virtual public meetings is as follows: