

(f) Compliance

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

(g) Required Actions

(1) For all airplanes except those identified in paragraph (g)(2) of this AD, except as specified in paragraph (h) of this AD, at the applicable times specified in the "Compliance" paragraph in Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin 737-57A1349 RB, dated April 14, 2020, do all applicable actions identified in, and in accordance with, the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin 737-57A1349 RB, dated April 14, 2020.

Note 1 to paragraphs (g)(1) and (2): Guidance for accomplishing the actions required by this AD can be found in Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737-57A1349, dated April 14, 2020, which is referred to in Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin 737-57A1349 RB, dated April 14, 2020.

(2) For airplanes on which Aviation Partners Boeing blended winglets are installed using supplemental type certificate (STC) ST01219SE: Except as specified in paragraph (h) of this AD, at the applicable time in the "Compliance" paragraph in Aviation Partners Boeing Alert Service Bulletin AP737C-57-003, dated July 28, 2020, do all applicable actions identified in, and in accordance with, the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin 737-57A1349 RB, dated April 14, 2020.

(h) Exceptions to Service Information Specifications

(1) Where Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin 737-57A1349 RB, dated April 14, 2020, uses the phrase "the original issue date of Requirements Bulletin 737-57A1349 RB," this AD requires using "the effective date of this AD."

(2) Where Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin 737-57A1349 RB, dated April 14, 2020, specifies contacting Boeing for repair instructions: This AD requires doing the repair and applicable on-condition actions before further flight using a method approved in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (i) of this AD.

(3) For airplanes identified as Group 1 in Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin 737-57A1349 RB, dated April 14, 2020: Within 120 days after the effective date of this AD, do actions to correct the unsafe condition using a method approved in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (i) of this AD.

(4) Where Aviation Partners Boeing Alert Service Bulletin AP737C-57-003, dated July 28, 2020, uses the phrase "the original issue date of this service bulletin," this AD requires using "the effective date of this AD."

(5) Where Aviation Partners Boeing Alert Service Bulletin AP737C-57-003, dated July 28, 2020, specifies contacting Boeing for repair instructions: This AD requires doing the repair and applicable on-condition actions before further flight using a method approved in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (i) of this AD.

(i) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, Los Angeles ACO Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the certification office, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (j)(1) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: *9-ANM-LAACO-AMOC-Requests@faa.gov*.

(2) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the responsible Flight Standards Office.

(3) An AMOC that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used for any repair, modification, or alteration required by this AD if it is approved by The Boeing Company Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) that has been authorized by the Manager, Los Angeles ACO Branch, FAA, to make those findings. To be approved, the repair method, modification deviation, or alteration deviation must meet the certification basis of the airplane, and the approval must specifically refer to this AD.

(j) Related Information

(1) For more information about this AD, contact Wayne Ha, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Section, FAA, Los Angeles ACO Branch, 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, CA 90712-4137; phone: 562-627-5238; fax: 562-627-5210; email: *wayne.ha@faa.gov*.

(2) For Boeing service information identified in this AD, contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Attention: Contractual & Data Services (C&DS), 2600 Westminister Blvd., MC 110-SK57, Seal Beach, CA 90740-5600; telephone 562-797-1717; internet *https://www.myboeingfleet.com*.

(3) For Aviation Partners Boeing service information identified in this AD, contact Aviation Partners Boeing, 2811 South 102nd St., Suite 200, Seattle, WA 98168; phone: 206-830-7699; fax: 206-767-0535; email: *leng@aviationpartners.com*; internet: *http://www.aviationpartnersboeing.com*.

(4) You may view this referenced service information at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206-231-3195.

Issued on December 30, 2020.

Lance T. Gant,

Director, Compliance & Airworthiness Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 71**

[Docket No. FAA-2020-1193; Airspace Docket No. 20-AAL-28]

RIN 2120-AA66

Proposed Establishment of Class E Airspace; Hughes, AK

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This action proposes to establish Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Hughes Airport, Hughes, AK, to accommodate new area navigation (RNAV) procedures. This action would ensure the safety and management of instrument flight rules (IFR) operations within the National Airspace System.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 8, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on this proposal to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590; telephone: 1-800-647-5527, or (202) 366-9826. You must identify FAA Docket No. FAA-2020-1193; Airspace Docket No. 20-AAL-28, at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments through the internet at *https://www.regulations.gov*.

FAA Order 7400.11E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at *https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/*. For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8783. The Order is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of FAA Order 7400.11E at NARA, email: *fedreg.legal@nara.gov*, or go to *https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard Roberts, Federal Aviation Administration, Western Service Center, Operations Support Group, 2200 S. 216th Street, Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone (206) 231-2245.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority for This Rulemaking

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 would establish Class E airspace to support new RNAV procedures at Hughes Airport, Hughes AK.

Comments Invited

Interested parties are invited to participate in this proposed rulemaking 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 and be submitted in triplicate to the address listed above. Persons wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this notice must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket No. FAA-2020-1193; Airspace Docket No. 20-AAL-28". 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 through the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA's web page at [https://](https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/airspace_amendments/)

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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 the address and phone number) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the Northwest Mountain Regional Office of the Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Organization, Western Service Center, Operations Support Group, 2200 S 216th Street, Des Moines, WA 98198.

Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference

This document proposes to amend FAA Order 7400.11E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated July 21, 2020, and effective September 15, 2020. FAA Order 7400.11E is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. FAA Order 7400.11E lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

The Proposal

The FAA is proposing an amendment to Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 by establishing Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Hughes Airport, Hughes, AK.

The Class E airspace would be established within a 3.8-mile radius of the airport and within an area 2 miles each side of the 194° bearing extending from the airport 6.4 miles south. This area would protect aircraft on approach to runway 36 as they descend through 1,500 feet above ground level (AGL). In addition, an extension in the shape of a dogleg would be established 1.8 miles each side of the 14° bearing extending from the 3.8-mile radius to 6 miles north of the airport and then 1.8 miles each side of the 39° bearing from a point in space, Lat. 66°08'14" N, long. 154°12'17" W, forming an angle that extends from the 3.8-mile radius northeast 9.5 miles from the airport. This section would protect aircraft on approach to runway 18 descending through 1,500 feet AGL and those aircraft on departure until reaching 1,200 feet AGL.

Class E airspace designations are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.11E, dated July 21, 2020, and effective September 15, 2020, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR part 71.1. The Class 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 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 will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this 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.

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.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, 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 14 CFR 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 Part 71.1 of FAA Order 7400.11E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated July 21, 2020, and effective September 15, 2020, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6005 Class E Airspace.

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Hughes Airport, AK
(66°02'21" N, 154°15'53" W)

That airspace within a 3.8-mile radius of Hughes Airport, AK, and that airspace 2 miles each side of the 194° bearing extending from the 3.8-mile radius south 6.4 miles from the airport, and that airspace extending from the 3.8-mile radius beginning 1.8 miles west of the 14° bearing to Lat. 66°08'55" N, long. 154°16'32" W to Lat. 66°12'15" N, long. 154°10'06" W to Lat. 66°10'03" N, long. 154°03'03" W to Lat. 66°07'23" N, long. 154°08'18" W to the point on the 3.8-mile radius 1.8 miles east of the 14° bearing.

Issued in Seattle, Washington, on January 11, 2021.

Byron Chew,

Acting Group Manager, Operations Support Group, Western Service Center.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

48 CFR Parts 852 and 873

RIN 2900-AQ78

VA Acquisition Regulation: Simplified Procedures for Health-Care Resources

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is proposing to amend and update its VA Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) in phased increments to revise or remove any policy superseded by changes in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), to remove any procedural guidance internal to VA into the VA Acquisition Manual (VAAM), and to incorporate any new agency specific regulations or policies. These changes seek to streamline and align the VAAR with the FAR and remove outdated and duplicative requirements and reduce burden on contractors. The VAAM incorporates portions of the removed VAAR as well as other internal agency acquisition policy. VA will rewrite certain parts of the VAAR and VAAM, and as VAAR parts are rewritten, will publish them in the **Federal Register**. VA will combine related topics, as appropriate. This rulemaking revises VAAR coverage concerning Simplified Procedures for Health-Care Resources as well as an affected part concerning Solicitation Provisions and Contract Clauses.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 22, 2021 to be

considered in the formulation of the final rule.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted through www.Regulations.gov or mailed to Mr. Rafael Taylor, (003A2A), Department of Veterans Affairs, Procurement Policy and Warrant Management Services, 425 I Street NW, Room 1064, Washington, DC 20001. Comments should indicate that they are submitted in response to "RIN 2900-AQ78—VA Acquisition Regulation: Simplified Procedures for Health-Care Resources." Comments received will be available at regulations.gov for public viewing, inspection or copies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Rafael Taylor, Senior Procurement Analyst, Procurement Policy and Warrant Management Services, 003A2A, 425 I Street NW, Washington, DC 20001, (202) 382-2787. (This is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This rulemaking is issued under the authority of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) Act which provides the authority for an agency head to issue agency acquisition regulations that implement or supplement the FAR.

VA is proposing to revise the VAAR to add new policy or regulatory requirements and to remove any redundant guidance and guidance that is applicable only to VA's internal operating processes or procedures. Codified acquisition regulations may be amended and revised only through rulemaking. All amendments, revisions and removals have been reviewed and concurred with by VA's Integrated Product Team of agency stakeholders.

The VAAR uses the regulatory structure and arrangement of the FAR and headings and subject areas are consistent with FAR content. The VAAR is divided into subchapters, parts (each of which covers a separate aspect of acquisition), subparts, and sections.

The Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act, as codified in 41 U.S.C. 1707, provides the authority for the Federal Acquisition Regulation and for the issuance of agency acquisition regulations consistent with the FAR.

When Federal agencies acquire supplies and services using appropriated funds, the purchase is governed by the FAR, set forth at Title 48 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), chapter 1, parts 1 through 53, and the agency regulations that implement and supplement the FAR. The VAAR is set

forth at Title 48 CFR, chapter 8, parts 801 to 873.

Discussion and Analysis

VA proposes to make the following changes to the VAAR in this phase of its revision and streamlining initiative. For procedural guidance cited below that is proposed to be deleted from the VAAR, each section cited for removal has been considered for inclusion in VA's internal agency operating procedures in accordance with FAR 1.301(a)(2). Similarly, delegations of authority that are removed from the VAAR will be included in the VAAM as internal departmental guidance. The VAAM is being created in parallel with these revisions to the VAAR and is not subject to the rulemaking process as they are internal VA procedures and guidance. The VAAM will not be finalized until corresponding VAAR parts are finalized, and therefore the VAAM is not yet available online.

VAAR Part 852—Solicitation Provisions and Contract Clauses

We are proposing to revise the following provisions to make minor grammatical corrections and to capitalize all principal words in their titles: 852.273-70, Late Offers; 852.273-71, Alternative Negotiation Techniques; 852.273-72, Alternative Evaluation; 852.273-73, Evaluation—Health-Care Resources, and 852.273-74, Award Without Exchanges. The provisions 852.273-71, Alternative Negotiation Techniques, and 852.273-73, Evaluation—Health-Care Resources, are also amended to revise the citation in the first sentence to read "873.110(d)."

VAAR Part 873—Simplified Procedures for Health-Care Resources

We propose to modify the title of part 873 by deleting the word "Acquisition" to reflect more accurately the meaning of the statute (38 U.S.C. 8153). The title would then be "Simplified Procedures for Health-Care Resources." This change avoids any misunderstanding that these acquisitions would be subject to FAR Part 13, Simplified Acquisition Procedures, and the corresponding part 813 in the VAAR.

We also propose to revise the part 873 authorities to add 38 U.S.C. 8127-8128, VA's unique authority as implemented under the Veterans First Contracting Program.

We propose to replace the 38 U.S.C. 501 citation with 41 U.S.C. 1702 which addresses the acquisition planning and management responsibilities of Chief Acquisition Officers and Senior Procurement Executives, to include implementation of unique procurement