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14 CFR Part 71
[Dockets No. FAA–2021–0324; Airspace Docket No. 21–AGL–9]

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Proposed Amendment of V–37 and V–270; Removal of V–43 in the Vicinity of Erie, PA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This action proposes to amend two VHF Omnidirectional Range (VOR) Federal airways and remove one VOR Federal airway in the vicinity of Erie, Pennsylvania. The FAA proposes this action due to the planned decommissioning of the VOR portion of the Erie, PA, VOR/Tactical Air Navigation (VORTAC) that these airways utilize for navigation guidance. The Erie VOR is being decommissioned as part of the FAA’s VOR Minimum Operational Network (MON) program.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 24, 2021.


You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office (see ADDRESSES section for 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 office of the Operations Support Group, Central Service Center, Federal Aviation Administration, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX, 76177.

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.

Background

The FAA is planning to decommission the VOR portion of the Erie, PA, VORTAC. This VOR was one of the candidate VORs identified for discontinuance by the FAA’s VOR MON program and listed in the final policy statement notice, “Provision of Navigation Services for the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) Transition to Performance-Based Navigation (PBN) (Plan for Establishing a VOR Minimum Operational Network),” published in the
The VOR Federal airways affected by the Erie VOR are V–37, V–270, and V–43. With the planned decommissioning of the VOR portion of the Erie VORTAC, the remaining navigational aids in the area are insufficient to enable the continuity of the affected airways. As such, the proposal would result in the shortening of V–37 and V–270, and would result in the revocation of V–43. To overcome the shortening and removal of the proposed airways, pilots using RNAV could navigate point to point utilizing the fixes that would be retained or request air traffic control radar vectors through the area. Additionally, visual flight rules (VFR) pilots who elect to navigate via the affected airways could also take advantage of the air traffic control (ATC) services previously listed.

The Proposal

The FAA is proposing an amendment to 14 CFR part 71 to amend V–37 and V–270, and revoke V–43, in the vicinity of Erie, PA. This is required due to the planned decommissioning of the VOR portion of the Erie, PA, VORTAC. The proposed airway changes are described below.

V–37: V–37 currently extends between the Craig, FL, VORTAC and the Erie, PA VORTAC. The FAA proposes to remove the airway segment between the Ellwood City, PA, VOR/DME and the Erie VORTAC. As a result, the amended airway would extend between the Craig VORTAC and the Ellwood City VOR/ DME.

V–270: V–270 currently extends between the Erie, PA, VORTAC and the Jamestown, NY, VOR/DME; and between the Elmira, NY, VOR/DME and the Boston, MA, VOR/DME. The FAA proposes to remove the airway segment between the Erie VORTAC and the Jamestown VOR/DME. As a result, the amended airway would extend between the Elmira VOR/DME and the Boston VOR/DME.

V–43: V–43 currently extends between the Youngstown, OH, VORTAC and the Erie, PA, VORTAC. The FAA proposes to remove V–43 in its entirety.

All radials in the VOR Federal airway descriptions below are unchanged and stated in True degrees.

Domestic VOR Federal airways are published in paragraph 6010(a) 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 VOR Federal airways listed in this document would be subsequently published in the Order.

§ 71.1 [Amended]
2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 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 6010(a) Domestic VOR Federal Airways.

V–37 [Amended]

From Craig, FL; Brunswick, GA; INT Brunswick 014° and Savannah, GA, 177° radials; Savannah; Allendale, SC; Columbia, SC; Charlotte, NC; Pulaski, VA; Elkins, WV; Clarksburg, WV; INT Clarksburg 359° and Ellwood City, PA, 185° radials; to Ellwood City.

V–43 [Removed]

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V–270 [Amended]

From Elmira, NY; Binghamton, NY; DeLancey, NY; Chester, MA; INT Chester 091° and Boston, MA, 262° radials; to Boston.

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Proposed Amendment and Establishment of Class E Airspace; York, PA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This action proposes to amend Class E surface airspace at York Airport, York, PA. An airspace evaluation of the area determined the additional airspace is necessary to accommodate operations at the airport. This action would also update the name of York Airport (formerly York County Airport), York, PA. This action also establishes Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at York Airport, and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above...