

the surface at Four Square Ranch Airport, Rocksprings, TX;

And removes the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Canyon Ranch Airport, Sonora, TX.

This action is the result of the instrument procedures at these airports being cancelled, and the airspace no longer being required.

FAA Order JO 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 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.

Environmental Review

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures," paragraph 5-6.5.a. 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(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 FAA Order JO 7400.11F, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 10, 2021, and effective September 15, 2021, 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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ASW TX E5 Sonora Canyon Ranch, TX [Remove]

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2022-0474; Airspace Docket No. 22-ACE-11]

RIN 2120-AA66

Amendment of Class E Airspace; Independence, IA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends the Class E airspace at Independence, IA. This action as the result of an airspace review conducted as part of the decommissioning of the Wapsie non-directional beacon (NDB). The name and geographic coordinates of the airport are also being updated to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database.

DATES: Effective 0901 UTC, November 3, 2022. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under 1 CFR part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order JO 7400.11 and publication of conforming amendments.

ADDRESSES: FAA Order JO 7400.11F, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey Claypool, Federal Aviation Administration, Operations Support Group, Central Service Center, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177; telephone (817) 222-5711.

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 amends the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at James H. Connell Field at Independence Municipal Airport, Independence, IA, to support instrument flight rule operations at this airport.

History

The FAA published a notice of proposed rulemaking in the **Federal Register** (87 FR 27537; May 9, 2022) for Docket No. FAA-2022-0474 to amend the Class E airspace at Independence, IA. 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 JO 7400.11F, dated August 10, 2021, and effective September 15, 2021, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in FAA Order JO 7400.11.

Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference

This document amends FAA Order JO 7400.11F, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 10, 2021, and effective September 15, 2021. FAA Order JO 7400.11F is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES**

section of this document. FAA Order JO 7400.11F lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

The Rule

This amendment to 14 CFR part 71 amends the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.5-mile (increased from a 6.4-mile) radius of James H. Connell Field at Independence Municipal Airport, Independence, IA; removes the Wapsie NDB and associated extension from the airspace legal description; and updates the name (previously Independence Municipal Airport) and geographic coordinates of the airport to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database.

This action is necessary due to an airspace review conducted as part of the decommissioning of the Wapsie NDB which provided navigation information for the instrument procedures this airport.

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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 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.

Environmental Review

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures," paragraph 5-6.5.a. 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.

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ACE IA E5 Independence, IA [Amended]

James H. Connell Field at Independence Municipal Airport, IA
(Lat. 42°27'25" N, long. 91°56'52" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.5-mile radius of James H. Connell Field at Independence Municipal Airport.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 17

RIN 2900–AQ97

Informed Consent and Advance Directives

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) adopts as final, without changes, an interim final rule, as amended by a second interim final rule, that amended VA's regulation regarding informed consent and advance directives. VA amended the regulation by reorganizing it and amending

language where necessary to enhance clarity; and made changes to facilitate the informed consent process, the ability to communicate with patients or surrogates through available modalities of communication, and the execution and witness requirements for a VA Advance Directive. VA has also clarified the roles and responsibilities of the practitioner and other members of the health care team pertaining to the informed consent process.

DATES: This rule is effective August 2, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lucinda Potter, MSW, LSW, Director of Ethics Policy, National Center for Ethics in Health Care (10ETH), Veterans Health Administration, 810 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20420; 484–678–5150. (This is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Interim Final Rule Published at 85 Federal Register (FR) 31690 (May 20, 2020)

In a document published in the FR on May 27, 2020, 85 FR 31690, VA amended its regulation (§ 17.32 of title 38, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)) concerning informed consent and advance directives by reorganizing § 17.32 and revising language where necessary to enhance clarity; and making changes to facilitate the informed consent process, the ability to communicate with patients or surrogates through available modalities of communication, and the execution and witness requirements for a VA Advance Directive. VA provided a 60-day comment period, which ended on July 27, 2020. One comment was received; however, it did not raise any issues within the scope of the rulemaking. We make no changes based on that comment.

We note that as part of that rule, we invited public comment on whether VA should consider inclusion of emancipated minors among those listed as next-of-kin or with respect to any situations that might arise with respect to an emancipated minor (e.g., a spouse who is an emancipated minor under the age of 18). Currently, next-of-kin must be 18 years of age or older. We received no public comment on this issue and make no changes to 38 CFR 17.32 regarding emancipated minors.

Interim Final Rule Published at 87 FR 6425 (February 4, 2022)

In a document published in the FR on February 4, 2022, 87 FR 6425, VA amended § 17.32(c)(6) to clarify that the practitioner is ultimately responsible for the informed consent process but may