

(m) Other FAA AD Provisions

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)*: The Manager, International Validation 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 responsible Flight Standards Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the International Validation Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (n)(2) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: 9-AVS-AIR-730-AMOC@faa.gov. Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the responsible Flight Standards Office.

(2) *Contacting the Manufacturer*: As of the effective date of this AD, for any requirement in this AD to obtain instructions from a manufacturer, the instructions must be accomplished using a method approved by the Manager, International Validation Branch, FAA; or the U.K. CAA; or BAE Systems (Operations) Limited's U.K. CAA DOA. If approved by the DOA, the approval must include the DOA-authorized signature.

(n) Additional Information

(1) Refer to Civil Aviation Authority (United Kingdom) AD G-2021-0016, dated December 17, 2021, for related information. This U.K. CAA AD may be found in the AD docket at regulations.gov under Docket No. FAA-2022-1313.

(2) For more information about this AD, contact Todd Thompson, Aerospace Engineer, Large Aircraft Section, International Validation Branch, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; phone: (206) 231-3228; email: Todd.Thompson@faa.gov.

(3) Service information identified in this AD that is not incorporated by reference is available at the addresses specified in paragraphs (o)(5) and (6) of this AD.

(o) Material Incorporated by Reference

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference (IBR) of the service information listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) You must use this service information as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise.

(3) The following service information was approved for IBR on March 17, 2023.

(i) BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Inspection Service Bulletin ISB.53-152, Revision 8, dated February 19, 2018.

(ii) [Reserved]

(4) The following service information was approved for IBR on February 1, 2000 (64 FR 72522, December 28, 1999).

(i) British Aerospace Service Bulletin SB.53-152, dated October 8, 1998.

(ii) [Reserved]

(5) For service information identified in this AD, contact BAE Systems (Operations) Limited, Customer Information Department, Prestwick International Airport, Ayrshire, KA9 2RW, Scotland, United Kingdom; phone: +44 1292 675207; fax: +44 1292 675704; email: RApublishers@bae.com; website baesystems.com; website regional-services.com.

(6) You may view this service information at 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.

(7) You may view this service information that is incorporated by reference at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, email: fr.inspection@nara.gov, or go to: www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html.

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Christina Underwood,

Acting Director, Compliance & Airworthiness Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2022-1262; Airspace Docket No. 22-ASO-21]

RIN 2120-AA66

Establishment of Class E Airspace; Union Springs, AL

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action establishes Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Franklin Field Airport, Union Springs, AL, to accommodate area navigation (RNAV) global positioning system (GPS) standard instrument approach procedures (SIAPs) serving this airport.

DATES: Effective 0901 UTC, April 20, 2023. 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 7400.11G, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at www.faa.gov/air-traffic/publications/. For further information, contact the Rules and Regulations Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591; Telephone: (202) 267-8783.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Fornito, Operations Support Group, Eastern Service Center, Federal Aviation Administration, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, GA 30337; Telephone: (404) 305-6364.

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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 establishes airspace in Union Springs, AL, to support IFR operations in the area.

History

The FAA published a notice of proposed rulemaking for Docket No. FAA-2022-1262 in the **Federal Register** (87 FR 65180, October 28, 2022) to establish Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Franklin Field Airport, Union Springs, AL, to accommodate RNAV GPS standard instrument approach procedures (SIAPs) serving this airport.

Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. One comment was received supporting this action.

Class E airspace designations are published in Paragraph 6005 of FAA Order JO 7400.11G, dated August 19, 2022, and effective September 15, 2022, 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 FAA Order JO 7400.11.

Incorporation by Reference

Class E airspace designations are published in Paragraph 6005 of FAA Order JO 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 on an annual basis. This document amends the current version of that order, FAA Order JO 7400.11G, dated August 19, 2022, and effective September 15, 2022. These updates will be published subsequently in the next update to FAA Order JO 7400.11. FAA Order JO 7400.11G is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. FAA Order JO 7400.11G lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic routes, and reporting points.

The Rule

The FAA is amending 14 CFR part 71 by establishing Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within an 8.1-mile radius of Franklin Field Airport, Union Springs, AL, to accommodate RNAV GPS standard instrument approach procedures (SIAPs) serving this airport. Controlled airspace is necessary for the safety and management of instrument flight rules (IFR) operations in the area.

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. It, therefore: (1) is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a “significant rule” under Department of Transportation (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 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 5–6.5a.

This airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant the preparation of an environmental assessment.

Lists of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

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 7400.11G, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 19, 2022, and effective September 15, 2022, 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 AL E5 Union Springs, AL [Established]

Franklin Field Airport, AL
(Lat. 32°10'03" N, long. 85°48'40" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within an 8.1-mile radius of Franklin Field Airport.

Issued in College Park, Georgia, on February 3, 2023.

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Manager, Airspace & Procedures Team South, Eastern Service Center, Air Traffic Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 73

[Docket No. FAA-2023-0307; Airspace Docket No. 22-AAL-78]

RIN 2120-AA66

Amendment of Restricted Areas R-2204 Oliktok Point High and R-2204 Oliktok Point Low; AK

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends the using agency listed for restricted areas R-2204 Oliktok Point High, AK, and R-2204 Oliktok Point Low, AK, from “Department of Energy, Office of Science, Washington DC” to “Department of Energy, Arctic Energy Office, Washington, DC.” This action does not change any boundaries, altitudes, times of designation, or activities conducted within the restricted areas.

DATES: Effective date 0901 UTC, April 20, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Roff, Rules and Regulations Group, Office of Policy, Federal Aviation Administration, 800

Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8783.

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 the 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 updates the using agency listed for restricted areas R-2204 Oliktok Point High, AK, and R-2204 Oliktok Point Low, AK.

Background

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) requested that the Federal Aviation Administration amend the descriptions of restricted areas R-2204 Oliktok Point High, AK, and R-2204 Oliktok Point Low, AK, by changing the using agency listed for each from “Department of Energy, Office of Science, Washington, DC” to “Department of Energy, Arctic Energy Office, Washington, DC”. The request is the result of the DOE re-establishing the Arctic Energy Office with an office in Fairbanks, AK, and determining it to be in the best interest of the DOE that the Arctic Energy Office undertake the using agency responsibilities for the R-2204 Oliktok Point High and R-2204 Oliktok Point Low restricted areas. Both DOE offices, the Office of Science, Biological and Environmental Research and the Arctic Energy Office, support the using agency change.

The Rule

This action amends 14 CFR part 73 by changing the using agency name listed for restricted areas R-2204 Oliktok Point High and R-2204 Oliktok Point Low, AK, from “Department of Energy, Office of Science, Washington DC” to “Department of Energy, Arctic Energy Office, Washington, DC”. This action is necessary in order to reflect the current organization tasked with using agency responsibilities for the restricted areas.

This is an administrative change that does not affect the boundaries, designated altitudes, times of designation, or activities conducted within restricted areas R-2204 Oliktok Point High and R-2204 Oliktok Point