

paragraphs 3.B. through 3.D., of Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation S-70/H-60 Helicopter ASB 70-04-17, dated February 28, 2024 (Sikorsky ASB 70-04-17), or using a method approved by the Manager, AIR-520 Continued Operational Safety Branch, FAA.

(3) If during any inspection required by paragraphs (g)(1) or (2) of this AD, any braze coverage of the torque reference tube magnetic insert braze joint is found to be less than 42 percent, before further flight, repair or replace the PT drive shaft assembly.

(h) No Reporting Requirement

Although the service information referenced in Sikorsky ASB 70-04-17 specifies to submit certain information to the manufacturer, this AD does not include that requirement.

(i) Special Flight Permit

A special flight permit may be issued in accordance with 14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199 to operate the aircraft to a location where the phase array ultrasonic inspection can be performed, provided no passengers are onboard.

(j) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, AIR-520 Continued Operational Safety 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 AIR-520 Continued Operational Safety Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (k) of this AD and email to: ANE-AD-AMOC@faa.gov.

(2) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

(3) Approved methods of compliance (MOCs) or other AMOCs approved for paragraph (g) of AD 2024-05-51 are approved as MOCs or AMOCs for paragraph (g) of this AD.

(k) Additional Information

For further information about this AD, contact Barbara Caufield, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th Street, Des Moines, WA 98198; phone: (781) 238-7146; email: barbara.caufield@faa.gov.

(l) 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 April 23, 2024.

(i) Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation S-70/H-60 Helicopter Alert Service Bulletin 70-04-17, dated February 28, 2024.

(ii) [Reserved]

(4) The following service information was approved for IBR on April 1, 2024 (89 FR 18771, March 15, 2024).

(i) General Electric Company (GE) Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) CT7-2E1 S/B 72-A0034, dated February 26, 2024.

(ii) GE ASB CT7-8 S/B 72-A0118, Revision 01, dated February 26, 2024.

(5) For GE service information, contact General Electric Company, 1 Neumann Way, Cincinnati, OH 45215; phone: (513) 552-3272; email: aviation.fleetsupport@ge.com; website: ge.com.

(6) For Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation service information, contact Sikorsky Field Representative or Sikorsky's Service Engineering Group at Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation, Mailstop K100, 124 Quarry Road, Trumbull, CT 06611; phone: 1 (800) 946-4337 (1-800-Winged-S); email: wcs_cust_service_eng.gr-sik@lmco.com; website: sikorsky360.com.

(7) You may view this service information at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222-5110.

(8) You may view this material at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, visit www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations or email fr.inspection@nara.gov.

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Victor Wicklund,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2023-2204; Airspace Docket No. 23-AEA-20]

RIN 2120-AA66

Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Wallops Island, VA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends Class D airspace, Class E surface airspace, and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface for Wallops Flight Facility, Wallops Island, VA. This action eliminates the Snow Hill VORTAC from the airspace descriptions for this airport, as well as updating the airport name, geographic coordinates, and description headers.

DATES: Effective 0901 UTC, July 11, 2024. 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: A copy of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), all comments received, this final rule, and all background material may be viewed online at www.regulations.gov using the FAA Docket number. Electronic retrieval help and guidelines are available on the website. It is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

FAA Order JO 7400.11H Airspace Designations and Reporting Points and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/. You may also contact the Rules and Regulations Group, Office of Policy, 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.

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 Class D and Class E airspace for Wallops Island, VA. An airspace evaluation determined that this update is necessary to support IFR operations in the area.

History

The FAA published a notice of proposed rulemaking for Docket No. FAA 2023-2204 in the **Federal Register** (88 FR 87382; December 18, 2023), proposing to amend Class D airspace, Class E surface airspace, and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface for Wallops Flight Facility, Wallops Island, VA. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received.

Incorporation by Reference

Class D and E airspace designations are published in Paragraphs 5000, 6002, and 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 7400.11H, dated August 11, 2023, and effective September 15, 2023. FAA Order JO 7400.11H is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. These amendments will be published in the next update to FAA Order JO 7400.11.

FAA Order JO 7400.11H lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

The Rule

This action amends 14 CFR part 71 by amending Class D airspace and Class E surface airspace by removing Snow Hill VORTAC from the descriptions as it is unnecessary in describing the airspace, as well as updating the airport's geographic coordinates to coincide with the FAA's database. In addition, this action updates the airport name to Wallops Flight Facility (formerly NASA Wallops Flight Facility). This action also replaces the terms Notice to Airmen with Notice to Air Missions and Airport/Facility Directory with Chart Supplement in the airspace descriptions. In addition, the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface is updated by replacing the city name under the header with Wallops Island (formerly Chincoteague) and removing the city name from the next line of the description, identifying the airport. Also, the geographic coordinates of this airspace are updated to coincide with the FAA's database. Finally, this action clarifies the Class D description by adding the words 'and including' referring to the airspace ceiling. 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 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.

List 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 7400.11H, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 11, 2023, and effective September 15, 2023, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 5000 Class D Airspace.

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AEA VA D Wallops Island, VA [Amended]

Wallops Flight Facility, VA
(Lat 37°56'25" N, long 75°27'59" W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 2,500 feet MSL within a 4.4-mile radius of Wallops Flight Facility and within 1.8 miles each side of the 001° bearing of the airport, extending from the 4.4-mile radius to 4.7 miles north of the airport. This Class D airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Air Missions. The effective date and time will thereafter be published continuously in the Chart Supplement.

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Paragraph 6002 Class E Surface Airspace.

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AEA VA E2 Wallops Island, VA [Amended]

Wallops Flight Facility, VA
(Lat 37°56'25" N, long 75°27'59" W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface within a 4.4-mile radius of Wallops Flight Facility and within 1.8 miles each side of the 001° bearing of the airport, extending from the 4.4-mile radius to 4.7 miles north of the airport. This Class E airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Air Missions. The effective date and time will thereafter be published continuously in the Chart Supplement.

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

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AEA VA E5 Wallops Island, VA [Amended]

Wallops Flight Facility, VA
(Lat 37°56'25" N, long 75°27'59" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7.1-mile radius of the Wallops Flight Facility.

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Issued in College Park, Georgia, on April 2, 2024.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA–2023–2275; Airspace Docket No. 23–AEA–22]

RIN 2120–AA66

Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Lewisburg, WV

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends Class D airspace, Class E airspace designated as an extension to a Class D surface area, and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface area for Greenbrier Valley Airport, Lewisburg, WV, as the BUSHI non-directional beacon (NDB) is removed from the airspace descriptions. This action amends verbiage in the descriptions, as well as adding additional extensions to the northeast and southwest of the airport.