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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

10 CFR Part 430

[EERE–2025–BT–STD–0001]

RIN 1904–AF72

Energy Conservation Program: Procedures, Interpretations, and Policies for Consideration of New or Revised Energy Conservation Standards and Test Procedures for Consumer Products and Certain Commercial/Industrial Equipment; Extension of Public Comment Period

AGENCY: Office of Critical Minerals and Energy Innovation, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On July 7, 2026, the U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”) published in the **Federal Register** a notice of proposed rulemaking (“NOPR”) and announcement of webinar proposing to update the Department’s current rulemaking methodology titled, “Procedures, Interpretations, and Policies for Consideration of New or Revised Energy Conservation Standards and Test Procedures for Consumer Products and Certain Commercial/Industrial Equipment.” The notice provided an opportunity for submitting written comments by August 6, 2026. On July 13, 2026, DOE received a joint request from multiple trade organizations to extend the public comment period to September 8, 2026. DOE has reviewed this request and is granting a 15-day extension of the public comment period so as to allow public comments to be submitted until August 21, 2026.

DATES: The comment period for the NOPR published on July 7, 2026 (91 FR 42034) is extended. DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding this NOPR received no later than August 21, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are encouraged to submit comments using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at

www.regulations.gov under docket number EERE–2025–BT–STD–0001. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Alternatively, interested persons may submit comments, identified by docket number EERE–2025–BT–STD–0001 and/or regulatory identification number (“RIN”) 1904–AF72, by any of the following methods:

(1) *Email:* ProcessRule2025STD0001@ee.doe.gov. Include the docket number EERE–2025–BT–STD–0001 and/or RIN 1904–AF72 in the subject line of the message. Submit electronic comments in WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, PDF, or ASCII file format, and avoid the use of special characters or any form of encryption.

(2) *Postal Mail:* Appliance and Equipment Standards Program, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Office, Mailstop CM–5B, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585–0121. Telephone: (202) 287–1445. If possible, please submit all items on a compact disc (“CD”), in which case it is not necessary to include printed copies.

(3) *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Appliance and Equipment Standards Program, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Office, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585–0121. Telephone: (202) 287–1445. If possible, please submit all items on a CD, in which case it is not necessary to include printed copies.

No telefacsimiles (“faxes”) will be accepted.

Docket: The docket for this activity, which includes **Federal Register** notices, public meeting attendee lists and transcripts, comments, and other supporting documents/materials, is available for review at www.regulations.gov. All documents in the docket are listed in the www.regulations.gov index. However, not all documents listed in the index may be publicly available, such as information that is exempt from public disclosure.

The docket web page can be found at www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2025-BT-STD-0001. The docket web page contains instructions on how to access all documents, including public comments, in the docket.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Appliance Standards Program, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Critical Minerals and Energy Innovation,

Building Technologies Office, CM–5B, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585–0121. Email: ApplianceStandardsQuestions@ee.doe.gov.

Mr. Pete Cochran, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the General Counsel, GC–33, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585–0121.

Telephone: (202) 586–4798. Email: Peter.Cochran@hq.doe.gov.

For further information on how to submit a comment or review other public comments and the docket, contact the Appliance and Equipment Standards Program staff at (202) 287–1445 or by email: ApplianceStandardsQuestions@ee.doe.gov. A plain language summary of the rule is also available on the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 7, 2026, DOE published a NOPR and announcement of webinar proposing to update the Department’s current rulemaking methodology titled, “Procedures, Interpretations, and Policies for Consideration of New or Revised Energy Conservation Standards and Test Procedures for Consumer Products and Certain Commercial/Industrial Equipment” (aka the “Process Rule”). The notice provided an opportunity for submitting written comments by August 6, 2026. 91 FR 42034. On July 13, 2026, DOE received a joint request from the Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute; Air Movement and Control Association International; Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers; North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers; National Electrical Manufacturers Association; and Plumbing Manufacturers International (collectively, the “Joint Commenters”) to extend the written comment period to September 8, 2026. (Joint Commenters, No. 42 at p. 1) The Joint Commenters stated that the scope and complexity of the proposed revisions required additional time for a thorough analysis. (Joint Commenters, No. 42 at p. 2) Additionally, the Joint Commenters stated that the NOPR is closely related to DOE’s concurrently issued Analytical Methodology Request

for Information,¹ which provided an opportunity for submitting written comments by September 8, 2026. The Joint Commenters requested that the two comment periods be aligned so that stakeholders can develop and submit consistent comments across both dockets. *Id.* Several of these comments also reiterated their request for comment extension during the course of the Process Rule NOPR webinar held on July 15, 2026.

DOE has reviewed the request and considered the benefit of allowing interested parties additional time to submit comments regarding the July 7, 2026 NOPR for DOE's consideration. Accordingly, DOE has determined that an extension of the public comment period is appropriate and is hereby extending the comment period by 15 days, until August 21, 2026.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on July 23, 2026, by Audrey Robertson, Assistant Secretary (EERE) for Critical Minerals and Energy Innovation, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on July 23, 2026.

Jennifer Hartzell,

*Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer,
U.S. Department of Energy.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2026-5064; Airspace
Docket No. 25-ANM-134]

RIN 2120-AA66

Modification of Class E Airspace, Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital Heliport, Lincoln, OR

AGENCY: Federal Aviation
Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking
(NPRM).

SUMMARY: This action proposes to modify Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital Heliport, Lincoln, OR. This action would support the safety and management of instrument flight rules (IFR) operations at the airport.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 11, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by FAA Docket No. FAA-2026-5064 and Airspace Docket No. 25-ANM-134 using any of the following methods:

* *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to www.regulations.gov and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

* *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M-30; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W58-213, West Building, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

* *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W58-213 of the West Building, 5th Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

* *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Operations at (202) 493-2251.

Docket: Background documents or comments received may be read at www.regulations.gov at any time. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket or go to the Docket Operations in Room W58-213 of the West Building, 5th Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FAA Order JO 7400.11K, 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: Bryantjay T. Toves, Federal Aviation Administration, Western Service Center, Operations Support Group, 2200 S 216th Street, Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone (206) 231-3465.

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 would modify Class E airspace to support IFR operations at Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital Heliport, Lincoln, OR.

Comments Invited

The FAA invites interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written comments, data, or views. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the proposal, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. To ensure the docket does not contain duplicate comments, commenters should submit only one time if comments are filed electronically, or commenters should send only one copy of written comments if comments are filed in writing.

The FAA will file in the docket all comments it receives, as well as a report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerning this proposed rulemaking. Before acting on this proposal, the FAA will consider all comments it receives on or before the closing date for comments. The FAA will consider comments filed after the comment period has closed if it is possible to do so without incurring expense or delay. The FAA may change this proposal in light of the comments it receives.

Privacy: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the

¹ Energy Conservation Program: Review of DOE's Analytic Methods for Setting Energy Conservation Standards; Docket No. EERE-2022-BT-OT-0004. 91 FR 41578 (July 7, 2026).