**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**14 CFR Part 71**


**Amendment of Class E Airspace; Point Thomson, AK**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action modifies the airspace at Point Thomson, AK, by establishing Class E Airspace at Point Thomson Airstrip Airport, Point Thomson, AK. New Area Navigation (RNAV) Global Positioning System (GPS) standard instrument approach procedures have been established at the airport. This action enhances the safety and management of aircraft operations at the airport.

**DATES:** Effective date, 0901 UTC, October 17, 2013. 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 7400.9 and publication of conforming amendments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Roberts, Federal Aviation Administration, Operations Support Group, Western Service Center, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA, 98057; telephone (425) 203–4517.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**History**

On May 23, 2013, the FAA published in the Federal Register a notice of proposed rulemaking to modify controlled airspace at Point Thomson, AK (78 FR 30797). 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 7400.9W dated August 8, 2012, and effective September 15, 2012, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR Part 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in that Order.

**The Rule**

This action amends Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 by modifying Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within an 8.9-mile radius of Point Thomson Airstrip Airport, Point Thomson, AK, to accommodate aircraft using new RNAV (GPS) standard instrument approach procedures at the airport. This action is necessary for the safety and management of IFR operations.

The FAA has determined this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. Therefore, this regulation: (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 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. The FAA’s authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the U.S. Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 discusses 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 modifies controlled airspace at Point Thomson Airstrip Airport, Point Thomson, AK.

**Environmental Review**

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1E, “Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures,” paragraph 311a. 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.

**List 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:

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(f) Inspection of BAI Air Duct

(1) Perform an initial visual inspection of the BAI air duct, P/N 2469M32G01, for cracks prior to accumulating 400 cycles since new (CSN).

(2) Thereafter, repeat the visual inspection within every 100 cycles since last inspection.

(3) If cracks in the BAI air duct are found during any inspection required by this AD, remove the BAI air duct from service.

(g) Mandatory Terminating Action

As mandatory terminating action to the repetitive inspection requirement of this AD, at the next removal of BAI air duct, P/N 2469M32G01, or if the BAI air duct is found cracked, after the effective date of this AD, do the following:

(1) Install new BAI air duct support brackets, P/Ns 2550M03G01, 2548M66G01, 2548M67P01, 2550M18G01, and 2550M17P01.

(2) Replace the BAI air duct with one that is eligible for installation.

(h) Definition

For the purpose of this AD, a BAI air duct that is eligible for installation is one that has accumulated 25 CSN or fewer.

(i) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

The Manager, Engine Certification Office, FAA, may approve AMOCs for this AD. Use the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19 to make your request.

(j) Related Information


(2) Refer to GE Service Bulletin (SB) No. GE9x–2B S/B 75–0006, dated July 23, 2012; and GE SB No. GEnx–2B S/B 75–0008, Revision 1, dated February 4, 2013, or Revision 2, dated May 30, 2013; for guidance on inspecting and, if necessary, removing and replacing the BAI air duct, as well as procedures for installation of new BAI air duct support brackets.

(3) For service information identified in this AD, contact General Electric, One Neumann Way, Room 285, Cincinnati, OH; phone: 513–552–3272; email: geae.aoc@ge.com.

(4) You may view this service information at the FAA, Engine & Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 781–238–7125.

(k) Material Incorporated by Reference

None.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on August 7, 2013.

Frank P. Paskiewicz.

Acting Director, Aircraft Certification Service.

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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 14 CFR Part 71 continues to read as follows:


§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9W, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 8, 2012, and effective September 15, 2012, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6005 Class E airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth.

AAL AK E5 Point Thomson, AK [Modified]

Point Thomson 3 Heliport, AK

Lat. 70°10′17″ N., long. 146°31′15″ W.

Point Thomson Airstrip Airport, AK

Lat. 70°08′10″ N., long. 146°17′24″ W.

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.6-mile radius of Point Thomson 3 Heliport, and that airspace within an 8.9-mile radius of Point Thomson, Airstrip Airport.

Issued in Seattle, Washington, on August 6, 2013.

Christopher Ramirez,

Acting Manager, Operations Support Group,

Western Service Center.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71


Amendment of Class E Airspace; Lexington, OK

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends Class E airspace at Muldrow Army Heliport, Lexington, OK, to accommodate military mission requirements.

DATES: Effective date: 0901 UTC, December 12, 2013.

The Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under 1 CFR Part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.9 and publication of conforming amendments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Scott Enander, Central Service Center, Operations Support Group, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76137; telephone 817–321–7716.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

History

On June 3, 2013, the FAA published in the Federal Register a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend Class E airspace at Muldrow Army Heliport, Lexington, OK (78 FR 33017) Docket No. FAA–2013–0272. 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 paragraphs 6002 and 6005, respectively, of FAA Order 7400.9W dated August 8, 2012, and effective September 15, 2012, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

The Rule

This action amends Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 by amending Class E airspace at Muldrow Army Heliport, Lexington, OK, removing the Class E surface area and creating Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.8-mile radius of the heliport. This change supports low altitude military helicopter operations and ensures that standard instrument approaches are conducted within controlled airspace for the safety and management of IFR operations at the heliport.

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. Therefore, this regulation: (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.

The FAA’s authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the U.S. Code, Subtitle 1, 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 controlled airspace at Muldrow Army Heliport, Lexington, OK.

Environmental Review

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1E, “Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures,” paragraph 311a. 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.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71


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