

environmental reviews for nuclear power plant license renewals. Therefore, ample time is needed to thoroughly review the NRC's update to determine whether the proposed modifications accurately reflect the new environmental landscape that has developed over the last 13 years.

(4) After the first 10-year review cycle ended in 2006, the NRC has had three years to formulate the proposed changes. A 75-day comment period is not sufficient to review and comment on these proposed amendments to regulations and voluminous associated guidance documents.

(5) The NRC has scheduled a series of four public meetings that will occur throughout the second half of September, as well as an additional public meeting on October 1, 2009. Extending the comment period will allow stakeholders to use information presented at these public meetings to provide the agency with more comprehensive and meaningful comments.

(6) Additional meetings are requested for the public to provide comments.

The NRC wants the public to have sufficient time to provide the agency with constructive comments that will improve the quality of these regulations as well as the license renewal process. The NRC recognizes the quantity of information to be reviewed and is extending the comment period for the proposed rulemaking, related guidance documents, and information collection analysis for an additional 90 days. Based on feedback from stakeholders, the NRC believes that a 90-day extension will allow sufficient time for all stakeholders to develop and provide meaningful comments on these documents.

The proposed rule, regulatory analysis, related guidance documents (including the GEIS, ESRP, and Regulatory Guide), and information collection analysis comment submittal deadline is extended from the original October 14, 2009, deadline to January 12, 2010.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 1st day of October 2009.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,  
**Annette L. Vietti-Cook,**  
*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2009-0457; Airspace Docket No. 09-AAL-10]

#### Proposed Establishment of Class E Airspace; Point Thompson, AK

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This action proposes to establish Class E airspace at Point (Pt.) Thompson Airport at Pt. Thompson, AK. The privately funded Special Instrument Approach Procedures (IAPs) serving Pt. Thompson, AK have been drafted. The FAA's policy is to provide controlled airspace at airports serviced by instrument procedures for the safe and efficient use of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at Pt. Thompson Airport.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before November 23, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the proposal to the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001. You must identify the docket number FAA-2009-0457/ Airspace Docket No. 09-AAL-10, at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Docket Office (telephone 1-800-647-5527) is on the plaza level of the Department of Transportation NASSIF Building at the above address.

An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the office of the Manager, Safety, Alaska Flight Service Operations, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513-7587.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary Rolf, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513-7587; telephone number (907) 271-5898; fax: (907) 271-2850; e-mail: [gary.ctr.rolf@faa.gov](mailto:gary.ctr.rolf@faa.gov). Internet address: [http://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/headquarters\\_offices/ato/service\\_units/systemops/fs/alaskan/rulemaking/](http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ato/service_units/systemops/fs/alaskan/rulemaking/).

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### Comments Invited

Interested parties are invited to participate in this proposed rulemaking by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Comments that provide the factual basis supporting the views and suggestions presented are particularly helpful in developing reasoned regulatory decisions on the proposal. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal. Communications should identify both docket numbers and be submitted in triplicate to the address listed above. Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this notice must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket No. FAA-2009-0457/Airspace Docket No. 09-AAL-10." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter.

All communications received on or before the specified closing date for comments will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this notice may be changed in light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the public docket both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

### Availability of Notice of Proposed Rulemakings (NPRMs)

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded through the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA's Web page at [http://www.faa.gov/airports\\_airtraffic/air\\_traffic/publications/airspace\\_amendments/](http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/air_traffic/publications/airspace_amendments/).

Additionally, any person may obtain a copy of this notice by submitting a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Air Traffic Airspace Management, ATA-400, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591 or by calling (202) 267-8783. Communications must identify both docket numbers for this notice. Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRM's should contact the FAA's Office of Rulemaking, (202) 267-9677, to request a copy of Advisory Circular

No. 11–2A, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Distribution System, which describes the application procedure.

### The Proposal

The FAA is considering an amendment to Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71, to establish Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet (ft.) above the surface at Pt. Thompson, AK. Controlled airspace is necessary to accommodate two special IAPs developed for the Pt. Thompson Airport. They are the Area Navigation (RNAV) Global Positioning System (GPS) Runway (RWY) 4, Original, and the RNAV (GPS) RWY 22, Original. The textual ODP is unnamed. The FAA is proposing this action for the safety and management of IFR operations at the Pt. Thompson Airport, Pt. Thompson, AK.

The Class E airspace areas designated as 700/1200 foot transition areas are published in paragraph 6005 in FAA Order 7400.9T, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, signed August 27, 2009, and effective September 15, 2009, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designations listed in this document would be subsequently published in the Order.

The FAA has determined that this proposed 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 so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, will 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 United States 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 1, Section 40103, Sovereignty and use of airspace. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to ensure

the safe and efficient use of the navigable airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it proposes to establish Class E airspace at the Pt. Thompson Airport at Pt. Thompson, AK, and represents the FAA’s continuing effort to safely and efficiently use the navigable airspace.

### List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

### The Proposed Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

#### **PART 71—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, CLASS B, CLASS C, CLASS D, AND CLASS E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIRWAYS; ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS**

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR part 71 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 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 Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9S, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, signed August 27, 2009, and effective September 15, 2009, is to be amended as follows:

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

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#### **AAL AK E5 Point Thompson, AK [New]**

Pt. Thompson, Pt. Thompson Airport, AK  
(Lat. 70°10’52” N., long. 146°21’01” W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.6-mile radius of the Pt. Thompson Airport, AK.

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Issued in Anchorage, AK, on September 18, 2009.

**Anthony M. Wylie,**

*Manager, Alaska Flight Services Information Area Group.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA–2009–0197; Airspace Docket No. 09–AAL–4]

#### Proposed Establishment of Class E Airspace; Clarks Point, AK

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This action proposes to establish Class E airspace at the Clarks Point Airport at Clarks Point, AK. Two Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPs) are being developed for the Clarks Point Airport at Clarks Point, AK. Additionally, one textual Obstacle Departure Procedure (ODP) is being developed. Adoption of this proposal would result in establishing Class E airspace upward from 700 feet (ft.) and 1,200 ft. above the surface at the Clarks Point Airport at Clarks Point, AK.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before November 23, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the proposal to the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001. You must identify the docket number FAA–2009–0197/ Airspace Docket No. 09–AAL–4, at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Docket Office (telephone 1–800–647–5527) is on the plaza level of the Department of Transportation NASSIF Building at the above address.

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