## The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 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 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 Part 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9V, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 9, 2011, and effective September 15, 2011 is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6002 Class E airspace designated as surface areas.

ANM WY E2 Sheridan WY [Amended] Sheridan County Airport, WY (Lat. 44°46′09″ N., long. 106°58′49″ W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface within a 4.5-mile radius of the Sheridan County Airport, and within 4.5 miles each side of the 157° bearing of the airport, extending from the 4.5-mile radius to 17.6 miles southeast of the airport, and within 3.5 miles each side of the Sheridan County Airport 316° bearing extending from the 4.5-mile radius to 15.5 miles northwest of the airport, and within 3.5 miles each side of the Sheridan County Airport 325° bearing extending from the 4.5-mile radius to 16 miles northwest of the airport, and 4 miles each side of the 336° bearing of the Sheridan County Airport extending from the 4.5-mile radius to 15.4 miles northwest of the airport, and within 3.5 miles each side of the Sheridan County Airport 140° bearing extending from the 4.5-mile radius to 15.5 miles southeast of the airport.

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### John Warner

Manager, Operations Support Group, Western Service Center.

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### **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2011-1337; Airspace Docket No. 11-AEA-23]

# Proposed Establishment of Class E Airspace; Bellefonte, PA

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking

(NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This action proposes to establish Class E Airspace at Bellefonte, PA, to accommodate the Area Navigation (RNAV) Global Positioning System (GPS) Standard Instrument Approach Procedures at Bellefonte Airport. This action would enhance the safety and airspace management of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at the airport.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before February 6, 2012. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under title 1, Code of Federal Regulations, part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA, Order 7400.9 and publication of conforming amendments.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on this rule to: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Washington, DC 20590–0001; Telephone: 1 (800) 647–5527; Fax: (202) 493–2251. You must identify the Docket Number FAA–2011–1337; Airspace Docket No. 11–AEA–23, at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit and review received comments through the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Fornito, Operations Support Group, Eastern Service Center, Federal Aviation Administration, P.O. Box 20636, Atlanta, Georgia 30320; telephone (404) 305–6364.

# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

# **Comments Invited**

Interested persons are invited to comment on this rule 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 (FAA Docket No. FAA–2011–1337; Airspace Docket No. 11–AEA–23) and be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Management System (see ADDRESSES section for address and phone number). You may also submit comments through the Internet at <a href="http://www.regulations.gov">http://www.regulations.gov</a>.

Persons wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this action must submit with those comments a self-addressed stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket No. FAA–2011–1337; Airspace Docket No. 11–AEA–23." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter.

All communications received 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 the comments received. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel

concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

# Availability of NPRMs

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded from and comments submitted through 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/.

You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office (see the ADDRESSES section for address and phone number) between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the office of the Eastern Service Center, Federal Aviation Administration, Room 350, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, Georgia 30337.

Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRMs 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 at Bellefonte, PA, providing the controlled airspace

required to support the RNAV GPS standard instrument approach procedures for Bellefonte Airport. Controlled airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface would be established for the safety and management of IFR operations at the airport.

Class E airspace designations are published in Paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9V, dated August 9, 2011, and effective September 15, 2011, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently 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 proposed rule, when promulgated, would 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 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 proposed 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 proposed regulation is within the scope of that authority as it would establish Class E airspace at Bellefonte Airport, Bellefonte, PA.

### Lists 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:

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### §71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9V, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 9, 2011, effective September 15, 2011, is amended as follows:

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

### AEA PA E5 Bellefonte, PA [New]

Bellefonte Airport, PA

(Lat. 40°53′08″ N., long. 77°48′59″ W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 15-mile radius of Bellefonte Airport.

Issued in College Park, Georgia, on December 13, 2011.

### Michael Vermuth,

Acting Manager, Operations Support Group, Eastern Service Center, Air Traffic Organization.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **National Indian Gaming Commission**

### 25 CFR Part 537

RIN 3141-AA46

# Management Contracts—Background Investigations

**AGENCY:** National Indian Gaming Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This action proposes to amend NIGC regulations to include tribes, wholly owned tribal entities, and national banks that are already federally regulated or required to undergo a background investigation and licensure by a state or tribe pursuant to a tribal-state compact as entities that the Chair may exercise discretion regarding the submission of information and background investigations.

This process may provide for a streamlined review for such entities in the background investigation process required for management contracts. The proposed revision may reduce duplication of efforts while maintaining the integrity of NIGC review. The proposal maintains the Chair's discretion in determining which entities should be allowed to proceed through an expedited background investigation. This amendment has been included in this proposed rule.

The Commission also considered revising its regulations to clarify that a management contractor should be required to submit background information when the contract is for management of both Class II and Class III gaming activities. Many public comments noted that it was not a necessary revision. The Commission agrees with those public comments and does not propose that clarification.

**DATES:** The agency must receive comments on or before February 21, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any one of the following methods, however, please note that comments sent by electronic mail are strongly encouraged.

- Email comments to: reg.review@nigc.gov.
- Mail comments to: National Indian Gaming Commission, 1441 L Street NW., Suite 9100, Washington, DC 20005.
- Hand deliver comments to: 1441 L Street NW., Suite 9100, Washington, DC 20005.
- Fax comments to: National Indian Gaming Commission at (202) 632–0045.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

National Indian Gaming Commission, 1441 L Street NW., Suite 9100, Washington, DC 20005. Telephone: (202) 632–7009; email: reg.review@nigc.gov.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

## I. 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.

# II. Background

The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA or Act), Public Law 100–497, 25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq., was signed into law on October 17, 1988. The Act establishes the National Indian Gaming Commission ("Commission") and sets out a comprehensive framework for the regulation of three classes of gaming on Indian lands. The purposes of IGRA