

Regulatory Notices and Analyses

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Environmental Review

This proposal will be subject to an environmental analysis in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, “Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures” prior to any FAA final regulatory action.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

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(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 7400.11D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 8, 2019, and effective September 15, 2019, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 5000 Class D Airspace.

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AEA PA D Erie, PA [Amended]

Erie International Airport/Tom Ridge Field, PA
(Lat. 42°04′59″ N, long. 80°10′26″ W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 3,200 feet MSL within a 4.3-mile radius of Erie International Airport/Tom Ridge Field. This Class D airspace area is effective during the specific days and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective days and times will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

Paragraph 6002 Class E Airspace Areas Designated as Surface Areas.

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AEA PA E2 Erie, PA [Amended]

Erie International Airport/Tom Ridge Field, PA
(Lat. 42°04′59″ N, long. 80°10′26″ W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface within a 4.3-mile radius of Erie International Airport/Tom Ridge Field. This Class E airspace area is effective during the specific days and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective days and times will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

Paragraph 6004 Class E Airspace Areas Designated as an Extension to a Class D or Class E Surface Area.

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AEA PA E4 Erie, PA [Removed]

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

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AEA PA E5 Corry, PA [Amended]

Corry-Lawrence Airport, PA
(Lat. 41°54′27″ N, long. 79°38′28″ W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.4-mile radius of Corry-Lawrence Airport.

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AEA PA E5 Erie, PA [Amended]

Erie International Airport/Tom Ridge Field, PA

(Lat. 42°04′59″ N, long. 80°10′26″ W)
Erie International Airport/Tom Ridge Field: RWY 24–LOC
(Lat. 42°04′32″ N, long. 80°11′12″ W)
St. Vincent Health Center Heliport, PA
(Lat. 42°06′43″ N, long. 80°04′51″ W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.8-mile radius of Erie International Airport/Tom Ridge Field, and within 3.6 miles each side of the 054° bearing from the Erie International Airport/Tom Ridge Field: RWY 24–LOC extending from the 6.8-mile radius to 11.6 miles northeast of the airport, and within a 6-mile radius of St. Vincent Health Center Heliport.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on April 27, 2020.

Steven Phillips,

Acting Manager, Operations Support Group, ATO Central Service Center.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA–2020–0245; Airspace Docket No. 20–ASW–2]

RIN 2120–AA66

Proposed Amendment of Class E Airspace; Athens, TX

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This action proposes to amend the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Athens Municipal Airport and Lochridge Ranch Airport, Athens, TX. The FAA is proposing this action as the result of airspace reviews caused by the decommissioning of the Athens non-directional beacon (NDB) which provided navigation information for the instrument procedures at these airports. The geographic coordinates of the Lochridge Ranch Airport and the name of the Crossroads NDB would also be updated to coincide with the FAA’s aeronautical database. Airspace redesign is necessary for the safety and management of instrument flight rules (IFR) operations at these airports.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 22, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on this proposal to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590; telephone (202) 366–9826, or (800) 647–5527. You must identify FAA Docket No. FAA–2020–0245/Airspace Docket No. 20–ASW–2 at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments through the internet at <https://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 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

FAA Order 7400.11D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/. For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267–8783. The Order is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records

Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of FAA Order 7400.11D at NARA, email fdreg.legal@nara.gov or go to <https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeffrey Claypool, Federal Aviation Administration, Operations Support Group, Central Service Center, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177; telephone (817) 222-5711.

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 would amend the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Athens Municipal Airport and Lochridge Ranch Airport, Athens, TX, to support IFR operations at these airports.

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-2020-0245/Airspace Docket No. 20-ASW-2." 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 through the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA's web page at https://www.faa.gov/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 the address and phone number) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Organization, Central Service Center, Operations Support Group, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177.

Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference

This document proposes to amend FAA Order 7400.11D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 8, 2019, and effective September 15, 2019. FAA Order 7400.11D is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. FAA Order 7400.11D lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

The Proposal

The FAA is proposing an amendment to Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 by:

Amending the Class E airspace area extending upward from 700 feet above the surface to within a 6.4-mile radius (decreased from a 6.5-mile radius) at Athens Municipal Airport, Athens, TX; and removing the Athens NDB and the associated extension from the Athens, TX, airspace legal description;

And amending the Class E airspace area extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Lochridge Ranch Airport, Athens, TX, by amending the extension to the north to 2.6 miles (decreased from 4 miles) each side of the 356° bearing from the Crossroads NDB extending from the 6.5-mile radius of the airport to 11.5 miles north of the

airport; removing the city associated with the airport to comply with changes to FAA Order 7400.2M, Procedures for Handling Airspace Matters; and updating the geographic coordinates of the airport and the name of the Crossroads NDB (previously the Crossroads RBN) to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database.

These actions are the result of airspace reviews caused by the decommissioning of the Athens NDB, which provided navigation information for the instrument procedures at these airports.

Class E airspace designations are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.11D, dated August 8, 2019, and effective September 15, 2019, 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.

FAA Order 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

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, is non-controversial and unlikely to result in adverse or negative comments. 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, would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Environmental Review

This proposal will be subject to an environmental analysis in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures" prior to any FAA final regulatory action.

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§ 71.1 [Amended]

■ 2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order 7400.11D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 8, 2019, and effective September 15, 2019, is amended as follows:

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

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ASW TX E5 Athens, TX [Amended]

Athens Municipal Airport, TX

(Lat. 32°09'50" N, long. 95°49'42" W)

Lochridge Ranch Airport, TX

(Lat. 31°59'21" N, long. 95°57'04" W)

Crossroads NDB

(Lat. 32°03'49" N, long. 95°57'27" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.4-mile radius of Athens Municipal Airport, and within a 6.5-mile radius of Lochridge Ranch Airport, and within 2.6 miles each side of the 356° bearing from the Crossroads NDB extending from the 6.5-mile radius to 11.5 miles north of the Lochridge Ranch Airport.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on April 27, 2020.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA–2020–0350; Airspace Docket No. 18–AAL–2]

RIN 2120–AA66

Proposed Amendment of Class E Airspace; Kotzebue, AK

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This action proposes to amend the Class E airspace, designated a surface area, by removing the

extensions to the east and west of the airport. This action also proposes to properly size the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface. The area should be reduced east of the airport to properly contain arriving IFR aircraft descending below 1,500 feet above the surface.

Additionally, this action proposes to properly size the Class E airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface by reducing the area from a 74-mile radius of the airport to a 45-mile radius of the airport. Further, this action proposes to remove the Kotzebue VOR/DME Navigational Aid from the airspace legal descriptions. Lastly, this action proposes numerous administrative corrections to the airspace legal descriptions. This action would ensure the safety and management of IFR operations at the airport.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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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 would amend the Class E airspace at Ralph Wein Memorial Airport, Kotzebue, AK to support instrument flight rules (IFR) operations at the airport.

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. Persons 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–2020–0350; Airspace Docket No. 18–AAL–2". The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter.

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