DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2021-1151; Airspace Docket No. 21-AGL-39]

RIN 2120-AA66

Amendment of Class D Airspace; Columbus, OH

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends the Class D airspace at Columbus, OH, to update references to the Columbus, OH, Class C airspace which has recently been updated. The geographic coordinates of Bolton Field Airport are also being updated to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database. This action does not change the airspace boundaries or operating requirements.

DATES: Effective 0901 UTC, March 24, 2022. 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 JO 7400.11 and publication of conforming amendments.

ADDRESSES: FAA Order JO 7400.11F, 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. FAA Order JO 7400.11F is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of FAA Order JO 7400.11F at NARA, email: fr.inspection@nara.gov or go to https://www.archives.gov/federalregister/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 amends the Class D airspace at Bolton Field Airport, Columbus, OH; Ohio State University Airport, Columbus, OH; and Rickenbacker International Airport, Columbus, OH, by updating references to the Columbus, OH, Class C airspace (previously Columbus, Port Columbus International Airport, OH, Class C airspace), which has recently been updated, in the airspace legal descriptions to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database.

History

Class D airspace areas are used to provide controlled airspace for terminal VFR or IFR operations at airports having an air traffic control tower. The FAA published a final rule in the Federal Register (86 FR 67650; November 29, 2021) Docket Number No. FAA-2021-0807 (FR 2021-25902) which updated the header of the Columbus, OH, Class C airspace (previously Columbus, Port Columbus International Airport, OH). This action updates references to the Columbus, Port Columbus International Airport, OH, Class C airspace contained in the Columbus, OH Class D airspace. The action also updates the geographic coordinates of the Bolton Field Airport to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database. This action is an administrative change and does not change the airspace boundaries or operating requirements.

Class D airspace designations are published in paragraph 5000 of FAA Order JO 7400.11F, dated August 10, 2021, and effective September 15, 2021, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class D airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in FAA Order JO 7400.11.

Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference

This document amends FAA Order JO 7400.11F, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 10, 2021, and effective September 15, 2021. FAA Order JO 7400.11F is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document. FAA Order JO 7400.11F lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

The Rule

This amendment to 14 CFR part 71:
Amends the Class D airspace at
Bolton Field Airport, Columbus, OH, by
updating the geographic coordinates of
the airport to coincide with the FAA's
aeronautical database; updates the
reference to the Columbus, OH, Class C
airspace (previously Port Columbus
International Airport, OH Class C
airspace) contained within the airspace
legal description; and updates the
outdated term "Airport/Facility
Directory" with "Chart Supplement";

Amends the Class D airspace at Ohio State University Airport, Columbus, OH, by updating the reference to the Columbus, OH, Class C airspace (previously Columbus, Port Columbus International Airport, OH Class C airspace) contained within the airspace legal description;

And amends the Class D airspace at Rickenbacker International Airport, Columbus, OH, by updating the reference to the Columbus, OH, Class C airspace (previously Columbus, Port Columbus International Airport, OH Class C airspace) contained within the airspace legal description.

This action is an administrative change and does not affect the airspace boundaries or operating requirements; therefore, notice and public procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) is unnecessary.

FAA Order JO 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 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.

Environmental Review

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion

under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures," paragraph 5–6.5.a. 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.

Lists 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:

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 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 JO 7400.11F, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 10, 2021, and effective September 15, 2021, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 5000 Class D Airspace.

AGL OH D Columbus, OH [Amended]

Bolton Field Airport, OH (Lat. 39°54′04″ N, long. 83°08′13″ W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 3,400 feet MSL within a 3.9-mile radius of Bolton Field Airport, excluding that portion beyond a 1.8-mile radius of the Bolton Field Airport bearing 270° to 325°, and excluding that airspace within the Columbus, OH, Class C airspace area. This Class D airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advanced by a Notice to Airmen. The effective dates and times will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

AGL OH D Columbus, OH [Amended]

Ohio State University Airport, OH (Lat. 40°04′46″ N, long. 83°04′24″ W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 3,400 feet MSL within a 4-mile radius of Ohio State University Airport, excluding that airspace within the Columbus, OH, Class C airspace area. This Class D airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective dates and times will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

AGL OH D Columbus, OH [Amended]

Rickenbacker International Airport, OH (Lat. 39°48′50″ N, long. 82°55′40″ W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 3,000 feet MSL within a 4.6-mile radius of Rickenbacker International Airport, excluding that airspace within the Columbus, OH, Class C airspace area.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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[Docket No. FAA-2021-0815; Airspace Docket No. 21-ASW-17]

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Amendment of Class E Airspace; Hereford, TX

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends the Class E airspace at Hereford, TX. This action is the result of airspace reviews due to the decommissioning of the Hereford non-directional beacon (NDB). The geographic coordinates of the Hereford Municipal Airport, Hereford, TX, are also being updated to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database.

DATES: Effective 0901 UTC, March 24, 2022. 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 JO 7400.11 and publication of conforming amendments.

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History

The FAA published a notice of proposed rulemaking in the **Federal Register** (86 FR 56662; October 12, 2021) for Docket No. FAA–2021–0815 to amend the Class E airspace at Hereford, TX. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. One comment was received supporting the action.

Class E airspace designations are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order JO 7400.11F, dated August 10, 2021, and effective September 15, 2021, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in FAA Order JO 7400.11.

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