

of takeoff and landing, or during takeoff and landing, the pilot in command must make a reasonable plan to operate the rotorcraft outside of the caution/warning/avoid area of the limiting height/velocity diagram.

(c) Except for the approach to and transition from a hover for the purpose of takeoff and landing, during takeoff and landing, or when necessary for safety of flight, the pilot in command must operate the rotorcraft in compliance with the plan described in paragraph (b) of this section.

Appendix A to Part 136—[Removed]

- 32. Remove Appendix A to part 136.
- 33. Add new subpart D to part 136 to read as follows:

Subpart D—Special Operating Rules for Air Tour Operators in the State of Hawaii

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Subpart D—Special Operating Rules for Air Tour Operators in the State of Hawaii

§ 136.71 Applicability.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, this subpart prescribes operating rules for air tour flights conducted in airplanes, powered-lift, or rotorcraft under visual flight rules in the State of Hawaii pursuant to parts 91, 121, and 135 of this chapter.

(b) This subpart does not apply to:

(1) Operations conducted under part 121 of this chapter in airplanes with a passenger seating configuration of more than 30 seats or a payload capacity of more than 7,500 pounds.

(2) Flights conducted in gliders or hot air balloons.

§ 136.73 Definitions.

For the purposes of this subpart:

Air tour means any sightseeing flight conducted under visual flight rules in an airplane, powered-lift, or rotorcraft for compensation or hire.

Air tour operator means any person who conducts an air tour.

§ 136.75 Equipment and requirements.

(a) *Flotation equipment*. No person may conduct an air tour in Hawaii in a rotorcraft beyond the shore of any island, regardless of whether the rotorcraft is within gliding distance of the shore, unless:

(1) The rotorcraft is amphibious or is equipped with floats adequate to accomplish a safe emergency ditching and approved flotation gear is easily accessible for each occupant; or

(2) Each person on board the rotorcraft is wearing approved flotation gear.

(b) *Performance plan*. Each operator must complete a performance plan that meets the requirements of this paragraph (b) before each air tour flight conducted in a rotorcraft.

(1) The performance plan must be based on information from the current approved aircraft flight manual for that aircraft, considering the maximum density altitude for which the operation is planned to determine the following:

(i) Maximum gross weight and center of gravity (CG) limitations for hovering in ground effect;

(ii) Maximum gross weight and CG limitations for hovering out of ground effect; and

(iii) Maximum combination of weight, altitude, and temperature for which height-velocity information from the performance data is valid.

(2) The pilot in command (PIC) must comply with the performance plan.

(c) *Operating limitations*. Except for approach to and transition from a hover, and except for the purpose of takeoff and landing, the PIC of a rotorcraft may only operate such aircraft at a combination of height and forward speed (including hover) that would permit a safe landing in event of engine power loss, in accordance with the height-speed envelope for that rotorcraft under current weight and aircraft altitude.

(d) *Minimum flight altitudes*. Except when necessary for takeoff and landing, or operating in compliance with an air traffic control clearance, or as otherwise authorized by the Administrator, no person may conduct an air tour in Hawaii:

(1) Below an altitude of 1,500 feet above the surface over all areas of the State of Hawaii;

(2) Closer than 1,500 feet to any person or property; or

(3) Below any altitude prescribed by federal statute or regulation.

(e) *Passenger briefing*. Before takeoff, each PIC of an air tour flight of Hawaii with a flight segment beyond the ocean shore of any island shall ensure that each passenger has been briefed on the following, in addition to requirements set forth in §§ 91.107, 121.571, or 135.117 of this chapter:

(1) Water ditching procedures;

(2) Use of required flotation equipment; and

(3) Emergency egress from the aircraft in event of a water landing.

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Deputy Associate Administrator, Aviation Safety.

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40 CFR Part 271

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Delaware: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The State of Delaware has applied to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for final authorization of revisions to its hazardous waste program under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). By this action, EPA proposes to grant final authorization to Delaware. In the “Rules and Regulations” section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is authorizing the revisions by a direct final rule. EPA did not make a proposal prior to the direct final rule because EPA believes this action is not controversial and does not expect comments that oppose it. EPA has explained the reasons for this authorization in the preamble to the direct final rule. Unless EPA receives written adverse comments pertaining to this State revision during the comment period, the direct final rule will become effective on the date it establishes, and EPA will not take further action on this proposed rulemaking. However, if EPA receives adverse comments pertaining to this State revision, EPA will publish a timely withdrawal in the **Federal Register**, and this direct final rule will not take effect. EPA will then respond to public comments in a later final rule based on this proposed rulemaking. You may not have another opportunity for comment. If you want to comment on this action, you must do so at this time.

DATES: Send written comments by January 6, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–R03–RCRA–2022–0351, at www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from

www.regulations.gov. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information the disclosure of which is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.*, on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia

submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit *www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets*. The EPA encourages electronic submittals, but if you are unable to submit electronically or need other assistance, please contact Claudia Scott, the contact listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** provision below. Please also contact Ms. Scott if you need assistance in a language other than English or if you are a person with disabilities who needs a reasonable accommodation at no cost to you.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has explained the reasons for this action in the preamble to the direct final rule. For additional information, see the direct final rule published in the “Rules and Regulations” section of this **Federal Register**.

Authority: This action is issued under the authority of sections 2002(a), 3006 and 7004(b) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6912(a), 6926, 6974(b).

Adam Ortiz,

Regional Administrator, EPA Region III.

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