

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 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 JO 7400.11H, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 11, 2023, and effective September 15, 2023, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6010(a) Domestic VOR Federal Airways.

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V–16 [Amended]

From Los Angeles, CA; Paradise, CA; Palm Springs, CA; Blythe, CA; Buckeye, AZ; Phoenix, AZ; INT Phoenix 155° and Stanfield, AZ, 105° radials; Tucson, AZ; San Simon, AZ; INT San Simon 119° and Columbus, NM, 277° radials; Columbus; El Paso, TX; Salt Flat, TX; Wink, TX; INT Wink 066° and Big Spring, TX, 260° radials; Big Spring; Abilene, TX; Bowie, TX; Bonham, TX; Paris, TX; Texarkana, AR; Pine Bluff, AR; Marvell, AR; to Holly Springs, MS. From Shelbyville, TN; Hinch Mountain, TN; Volunteer, TN; Holston Mountain, TN; Pulaski, VA; Roanoke, VA; Lynchburg, VA; Flat Rock, VA; to Richmond, VA. From Smyrna, DE; Cedar Lake, NJ; Coyle, NJ; INT Coyle 036° and Kennedy, NY, 209° radials; Kennedy; INT Kennedy 040° and Calverton, NY 261° radials; Calverton; to INT Calverton, NY, 044° and Madison, CT, 142° radials. The airspace within Mexico and the airspace below 2,000 feet MSL outside the United States is excluded. The airspace within Restricted Areas R–5002A, R–5002C, and R–5002D is excluded during their times of use.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 71**

[Docket No. FAA–2023–1329; Airspace Docket No. 23–AEA–2]

RIN 2120–AA66

Establishment of United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Routes T–440, T–455, T–457, T–459, and T–476, and Amendment of RNAV Routes T–358, T–416, and T–445; Eastern United States

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action establishes United States Area Navigation (RNAV) routes T–440, T–455, T–457, T–459, and T–476, and amends RNAV routes T–358, T–416, and T–445 in support of the FAA’s Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range (VOR) Minimum Operational Network (MON) Program. The purpose is to enhance the efficiency of the National Airspace System (NAS) by transitioning from ground-based navigation aids to a satellite-based navigation system.

DATES: Effective date 0901 UTC, January 25, 2024. 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: A copy of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), all comments received, this final rule, and all background material may be viewed online at www.regulations.gov using the FAA Docket number. Electronic retrieval help and guidelines are available on the website. It is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year.

FAA Order JO 7400.11H, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/. You may also contact the Rules and Regulations Group, Office of Policy, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267–8783.

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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 the 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 will expand the availability of RNAV routing in the eastern United States and improve the efficient flow of air traffic within the NAS by lessening the dependency on ground-based navigation.

History

The FAA published a NPRM for Docket No. FAA–2023–1329 in the **Federal Register** (88 FR 37177; June 7, 2023), proposing to establish 5 low-altitude RNAV routes and amend 3 low-altitude RNAV routes in support of transitioning the NAS from a ground-based to a satellite-based navigation. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received.

Differences From the NPRM

Subsequent to the NPRM, a minor amendment was made to the geographic coordinates for the GABRS, NJ, Waypoint (WP). The GABRS, NJ, WP was moved 1.25 nautical miles (NM) south from its proposed location due to required route geometry and does not substantively alter the proposed route of T–457. The GABRS, NJ, WP is updated from “lat. 39°38’15.91” N, long. 075°04’15.96” W” to “lat. 39°37’14.11” N, long. 075°03’20.87” W.”

Incorporation by Reference

United States Area Navigation Routes are published in paragraph 6011 of FAA Order JO 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 on an annual basis. This document amends the current version of that order, FAA Order JO 7400.11H, dated August 11, 2023, and effective September 15, 2023. FAA Order JO 7400.11H is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. These amendments will be published in the next update to FAA Order JO 7400.11.

FAA Order JO 7400.11H lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

The Rule

This action amends 14 CFR part 71 by establishing RNAV routes T-440, T-455, T-457, T-459, and T-476, and amend RNAV routes T-358, T-416, and T-445 in the eastern United States to support the VOR MON Program and the transition of the NAS from ground-based navigation to satellite-based navigation. The routes are described below.

T-358: T-358 is an amended route that extends to the northeast between the AVALO, NJ, WP and the Augusta, ME (AUG), VOR/Distance Measuring Equipment (VOR/DME). T-358 overlays VOR Federal airway V-268 between the AVALO WP and the BURDY, MA, WP; and between the LBSTA, MA, WP and the Augusta VOR/DME. The MOYRR, MD, WP name is replaced by the HAMRR, MD, WP at the same location due to similar sounding WP names.

T-416: T-416 is an amended route that moves the RIDNG, NJ, WP 1.83 NM southwest of its current location to align with a standard instrument departure procedure.

T-440: T-440 is a new route that extends from the Elmira, NY (ULW), VOR/DME to the TALLI, PA, WP. T-440 overlays VOR Federal airway V-147 from the Elmira VOR/DME to the Wilkes-Barre, PA (LVZ), VOR/Tactical Air Navigation (VORTAC); and VOR Federal airway V-116 from the Wilkes-Barre VORTAC to the TALLI WP.

T-445: T-445 is an amended route that removes the segment from the Westminster, ME (EMI), VORTAC to the Harrisburg, PA (HAR), VORTAC. Further, the Elmira, NY (ULW), VOR/DME replaces the STUBN, NY, WP.

T-455: T-455 is a new route that extends from the Allentown, PA (FJC), VORTAC to the WIGGZ, PA, WP. T-455 overlays VOR Federal airway V-613 from the Allentown VORTAC to the Wilkes-Barre, PA (LVZ), VORTAC, and overlays VOR Federal airway V-188 from the Wilkes-Barre VORTAC to the Slate Run, PA (SLT), VORTAC.

T-457: T-457 is a new route that extends from the JIIMS, NJ, WP to the BOOCH, PA, WP.

T-459: T-459 is a new route that extends from the JIIMS, NJ, WP to the DOGGR, PA, WP.

T-476: T-476 is a new route that extends from the TUNDR, MD, WP to the WIMKA, NJ, WP.

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. 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 of establishing RNAV routes T-440, T-455, T-457, T-459, and T-476, and amend RNAV routes T-358, T-416, and T-445 in the eastern United States, to provide additional RNAV routing within the NAS in support of transitioning it from ground-based to satellite-based navigation, qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations at 40 CFR part 1500, and in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, “Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures,” paragraph 5-6.5a, which categorically excludes from further environmental impact review rulemaking actions that designate or modify classes of airspace areas, airways, routes, and reporting points (see 14 CFR part 71, Designation of Class A, B, C, D, and E Airspace Areas;

Air Traffic Service Routes; and Reporting Points); and paragraph 5-6.5b, which categorically excludes from further environmental impact review “Actions regarding establishment of jet routes and Federal airways (see 14 CFR 71.15, *Designation of jet routes and VOR Federal airways*) . . .”. As such, this airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts. In accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, paragraph 5-2 regarding Extraordinary Circumstances, the FAA has reviewed this action for factors and circumstances in which a normally categorically excluded action may have a significant environmental impact requiring further analysis. Accordingly, the FAA has determined that no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment or environmental impact study.

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§ 71.1 [Amended]

■ 2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order JO 7400.11H, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 11, 2023, and effective September 15, 2023, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6011 United States Area Navigation Routes.

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T-358 Martinsburg, WV (MRB) to Augusta, ME (AUG) [Amended]

Martinsburg, WV (MRB)	VORTAC	(Lat. 39°23'08.06" N, long. 077°50'54.08" W)
CPTAL, MD	WP	(Lat. 39°32'16.02" N, long. 077°41'55.65" W)
TWIRK, MD	WP	(Lat. 39°34'36.70" N, long. 077°12'44.75" W)
HAMRR, MD	WP	(Lat. 39°30'03.42" N, long. 076°56'10.84" W)
DANII, MD	WP	(Lat. 39°17'46.42" N, long. 076°42'19.36" W)
OBWON, MD	WP	(Lat. 39°11'54.69" N, long. 076°32'04.84" W)
SWANN, MD	WP	(Lat. 39°09'05.28" N, long. 076°13'43.94" W)
Smyrna, DE (ENO)	VORTAC	(Lat. 39°13'53.93" N, long. 075°30'57.49" W)
AVALO, NJ	WP	(Lat. 39°16'54.52" N, long. 074°30'50.75" W)
MANTA, NJ	WP	(Lat. 39°54'07.01" N, long. 073°32'31.63" W)
ORCHA, NY	WP	(Lat. 40°54'55.46" N, long. 072°18'43.64" W)

Sandy Point, RI (SEY)	VOR/DME	(Lat. 41°10'02.77" N, long. 071°34'33.91" W)
BURDY, MA	WP	(Lat. 41°57'19.14" N, long. 070°57'07.45" W)
HAVNS, OA	WP	(Lat. 42°17'55.00" N, long. 070°27'42.00" W)
GRGIO, MA	WP	(Lat. 42°35'09.36" N, long. 070°33'54.40" W)
LBSTA, MA	WP	(Lat. 42°48'00.00" N, long. 070°36'48.70" W)
MESHL, ME	WP	(Lat. 43°19'12.07" N, long. 070°09'48.03" W)
Augusta, ME (AUG)	VOR/DME	(Lat. 44°19'12.07" N, long. 069°47'47.63" W)

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T-416 Smyrna, NJ (ENO) to PREPI, OA [Amended]

Smyrna, NJ (ENO)	VORTAC	(Lat. 39°13'53.93" N, long. 075°30'57.49" W)
TEBEE, NJ	WP	(Lat. 39°30'13.97" N, long. 075°19'37.19" W)
LULOO, NJ	WP	(Lat. 39°36'35.96" N, long. 075°12'57.43" W)
RIDNG, NJ	WP	(Lat. 39°43'56.08" N, long. 075°07'12.86" W)
ALBEK, NJ	WP	(Lat. 39°46'39.92" N, long. 074°54'25.99" W)
Coyle, NJ (CYN)	VORTAC	(Lat. 39°49'02.42" N, long. 074°25'53.85" W)
PREPI, OA	WP	(Lat. 39°48'41.06" N, long. 073°15'40.70" W)

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T-440 Elmira, NY (ULW) to TALLI, PA [New]

Elmira, NY (ULW)	VOR/DME	(Lat. 42°05'38.96" N, long. 077°01'29.30" W)
WLKES, PA	WP	(Lat. 41°16'22.57" N, long. 075°41'21.60" W)
TALLI, PA	WP	(Lat. 41°19'01.60" N, long. 075°06'43.17" W)

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T-445 Harrisburg, PA (HAR) to AIRCO, NY [Amended]

Harrisburg, PA (HAR)	VORTAC	(Lat. 40°18'08.06" N, long. 077°04'10.41" W)
Selinsgrove, PA (SEG)	VOR/DME	(Lat. 40°47'27.09" N, long. 076°53'02.55" W)
LYKOM, PA	WP	(Lat. 41°20'18.75" N, long. 076°46'30.30" W)
Elmira, NY (ULW)	VOR/DME	(Lat. 42°05'38.96" N, long. 077°01'29.32" W)
BEEPS, NY	WP	(Lat. 42°49'13.26" N, long. 076°59'04.84" W)
Rochester, NY (ROC)	VOR/DME	(Lat. 43°07'04.65" N, long. 077°40'22.06" W)
AIRCO, NY	WP	(Lat. 43°12'36.66" N, long. 078°28'57.00" W)

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T-455 Allentown, PA (FJC) to WIGGZ, PA [New]

Allentown, PA (FJC)	VORTAC	(Lat. 40°43'36.07" N, long. 075°27'17.08" W)
WLKES, PA	WP	(Lat. 41°16'22.57" N, long. 075°41'21.60" W)
LYKOM, PA	WP	(Lat. 41°20'18.75" N, long. 076°46'30.30" W)
WIGGZ, PA	WP	(Lat. 41°30'51.00" N, long. 077°58'52.00" W)

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T-457 JIMMS, NJ to BOOCH, PA [New]

JIMMS, NJ	WP	(Lat. 39°32'15.62" N, long. 074°58'01.72" W)
GABRS, NJ	WP	(Lat. 39°37'14.11" N, long. 075°03'20.87" W)
RIDNG, NJ	WP	(Lat. 39°43'56.08" N, long. 075°07'12.86" W)
BOJID, PA	WP	(Lat. 40°03'20.87" N, long. 075°12'16.25" W)
BOOCH, PA	WP	(Lat. 40°14'09.24" N, long. 075°16'08.52" W)

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T-459 JIIMS, NJ to DOGGR, PA [New]

JIIMS, NJ	WP	(Lat. 39°32'15.62" N, long. 074°58'01.72" W)
LULOO, NJ	WP	(Lat. 39°36'35.96" N, long. 075°12'57.43" W)
DOGGR, PA	WP	(Lat. 40°08'12.25" N, long. 075°27'07.50" W)

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T-476 TUNDR, MD to WIMKA, NJ [New]

TUNDR, MD	WP	(Lat. 38°44'37.73" N, long. 076°15'38.97" W)
FILRO, MD	WP	(Lat. 38°57'51.42" N, long. 075°56'45.51" W)
TWANE, MD	WP	(Lat. 39°10'57.10" N, long. 075°57'34.19" W)
EYEUP, MD	WP	(Lat. 39°18'30.83" N, long. 075°51'56.10" W)
COHLE, DE	WP	(Lat. 39°20'26.55" N, long. 075°34'36.79" W)
WIMKA, NJ	WP	(Lat. 39°25'22.02" N, long. 075°08'32.67" W)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 73

[Docket No. FAA–2023–2041; Airspace Docket No. 23–ASO–30]

RIN 2120–AA66

Renaming of Restricted Areas R–3002A, R–3002B, R–3002C, R–3002D, R–3002E, R–3002F, and R–3002G; Fort Benning, GA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action is an administrative change to rename restricted areas R–3002A, R–3002B, R–3002C, R–3002D, R–3002E, R–3002F, and R–3002G; Fort Benning, GA, and to update the using agency description to reflect the change. This action partially implements recommendations of the Commission on the Naming of Items (Naming Commission) of the Department of Defense (DoD) as established by section 370 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

DATES: Effective date 0901 UTC, January 25, 2024.

ADDRESSES: A copy of this final rule, and all background material may be viewed online at www.regulations.gov using the FAA Docket number. Electronic retrieval help and guidelines are available on the website. It is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Vidis, Rules and Regulations Group, Office of Policy, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267–8783.

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 the 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 updates the information in the airspace descriptions of restricted areas R–3002A, R–3002B, R–3002C, R–3002D, R–3002E, R–3002F, and R–3002G.

Background

The FY 2021 NDAA directed the DoD to establish a commission relating to assigning, modifying, or removing of names, symbols, displays, monuments, and paraphernalia to assets of the DoD that commemorate the Confederate States of America or any person who served voluntarily with the Confederate States of America.¹ In January 2023, the Secretary of Defense directed all DoD organizations to begin full implementation of the Naming Commission’s recommendations. As approved by the Secretary of Defense, the name “Fort Benning, GA” is changed to “Fort Moore, GA.” Consequently, this rulemaking action implements the requisite changes to part 73 by updating the airspace descriptions of restricted areas R–3002A, R–3002B, R–3002C, R–3002D, R–3002E, R–3002F, and R–3002G to reflect the new name.

The Rule

This action amends 14 CFR part 73 by updating the airspace titles and using agency descriptions for restricted areas R–3002A, R–3002B, R–3002C, R–3002D, R–3002E, R–3002F, and R–3002G by removing the name “Fort Benning, GA” and replacing it with “Fort Moore, GA.” This action consists of administrative name changes only and does not affect the boundaries, altitudes, time of designation, or activities conducted in the airspace. Therefore, notice and public procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) is unnecessary.

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. It, therefore: (1) is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a “significant rule” under Department of

Transportation (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 of making administrative name changes to restricted areas R–3002A, R–3002B, R–3002C, R–3002D, R–3002E, R–3002F, and R–3002G, which do not alter the boundaries, altitudes, or time of designation, qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations at 40 CFR part 1500, and in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures, paragraph 5–6.5a, which categorically excludes from further environmental impact review rulemaking actions that designate or modify classes of airspace areas, airways, routes, and reporting points (see 14 CFR part 71, Designation of Class A, B, C, D, and E Airspace Areas; Air Traffic Service Routes; and Reporting Points); and paragraph 5–6.5d—Modification of the technical description of special use airspace (SUA) that does not alter the dimensions, altitudes, or times of designation of the airspace (such as changes in designation of the controlling or using agency, or correction of typographical errors). In accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, paragraph 5–2 regarding Extraordinary Circumstances, the FAA has reviewed this action for factors and circumstances in which a normally categorically excluded action may have a significant environmental impact requiring further analysis. The FAA has determined that no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment or environmental impact study.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 73

Airspace, Prohibited areas, Restricted areas.

The Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 73 as follows:

¹ Public Law 116–283, 134 Stat. 3388, Jan. 1, 2021.