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List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

The Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

T–426 Parkersburg, WV (JPU) to MCDON, VA [Amended]

Table with 3 columns: Location, Type, and Coordinates. Locations include Parkersburg, WV (JPU), SITTR, WV, DANCO, VA, TABER, VA, PIGGS, VA, DUNCE, VA, and MCDON, VA. Types include VOR/DME, WP, and FIX. Coordinates are provided in degrees and minutes.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

Docket No. FAA–2024–1934; Airspace Docket No. 23–AAL–60

RIN 2120–AA66

Amendment of United States Area Navigation Route Q–8 and Revocation of United States Area Navigation Route Q–18 in Alaska

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Route Q–8 and revokes RNAV Route Q–18 in Alaska. The FAA is taking these actions to resolve an issue involving rejected automated flight plans.

DATES: Effective date 0901 UTC, February 20, 2025. The Director of the Federal Register approves this

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); 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 7400.11J, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated July 31, 2024, and effective September 15, 2024, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 2004 Jet Routes.

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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 7400.11J, 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, 600 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20597; 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

J–213 [Removed] \* \* \* \* \*

J–526 [Removed] \* \* \* \* \*

Paragraph 6010(a) Domestic VOR Federal Airways.

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V–59 [Removed] \* \* \* \* \*

V–258 [Removed] \* \* \* \* \*

V–519 [Amended] From Volunteer, TN; INT Volunteer 050° and Glade Spring, VA, 246° radials; Glade Spring; to Bluefield, WV.

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Paragraph 6011 United States Area Navigation Routes.

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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 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 modifies the Air Traffic Service (ATS) route structure as necessary to preserve the safe and efficient flow of air traffic within the National Airspace System.

History

The FAA published a NPRM for Docket No. FAA 2024–1934 in the Federal Register (89 FR 59862; July 24, 2024), proposing to amend Q–8 and revoke Q–18 in Alaska. 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

The NPRM published for Docket No. FAA–2024–1934 in the Federal Register (89 FR 59862; July 24, 2024) listed the route points for Q8 in the incorrect order in the regulatory text. Additionally, the route point coordinates in the regulatory text for Q–

8 did not list the coordinates to the nearest 100th degree as required. This rule corrects these errors.

**Incorporation by Reference**

United States Area Navigation Routes are published in paragraph 2006 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 7400.11J, dated July 31, 2024, and effective September 15, 2024. FAA Order JO 7400.11J 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 7400.11J lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

**The Rule**

The FAA is amending 14 CFR part 71 by amending RNAV Route Q-8 and revoking RNAV Route Q-18 in Alaska.

Q-8: This action amends RNAV Route Q-8 by extending it to overlie the track of Q-18 that is being revoked by this action. As amended, Q-8 extends between the Barrow, AK, VOR/DME and the Anchorage, AK, VOR/DME.

Q-18: This action revokes Q-18 in its entirety.

**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 airspace action of amending Q-8 and revoking Q-18 in Alaska 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 5-6.5k, which categorically excludes from further environmental review the publication of existing air traffic control procedures that do not essentially change existing tracks, create new tracks, change altitude, or change concentration of aircraft on these tracks. As such, this action is not expected to result in 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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*Paragraph 2006 United States Area Navigation Routes.*

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**Q-8 Anchorage, AK (TED) to Barrow, AK (BRW) [Amended]**

Barrow, AK (BRW)	VOR/DME	(Lat. 71°16'24.33" N, long. 156°47'17.22" W)
Galena, AK (GAL)	VOR/DME	(Lat. 64°44'17.26" N, long. 156°46'37.69" W)
Anchorage, AK (TED)	VOR/DME	(Lat. 61°10'04.32" N, long. 149°57'36.52" W)

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**Q-18 Galena, AK (GAL) to Barrow, AK (BRW) [Removed]**

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