

The Rule

The amendment to part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) amends the Class E airspace area at Tonopah, NV. The development of a GPS SIAP to RWY 15 has made this action necessary. The effect of this action will provide adequate airspace for aircraft executing the GPS RWY 15 SIAP at Tonopah Airport, Tonopah, NV.

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. Therefore, this regulation—(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 10034; 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 will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporated 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—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959–1963 Comp., p. 389; 14 CFR 11.69.

§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 4, 1996, effective September 16, 1996, and is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6002 Class E airspace areas designed as a surface area for an airport.

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AWP NV E2 Tonopah, NV [Revised]

Tonopah Airport, NV
(lat. 38°03'29" N, long. 117°05'22" W)
Tonopah VORTAC
(lat. 38°01'50" N, long. 117°02'01" W)

Within a 4.3-mile radius of the Tonopah Airport and within 2 miles each side of the 358° bearing from the Tonopah Airport, extending from the 4.3-mile radius to 10.5

miles north of the Tonopah Airport and within 1.8 miles each side of the Tonopah VORTAC 115° radial, extending from the 4.3-mile radius to 8.7 miles southeast of the Tonopah VORTAC.

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Paragraph 6005 Class E airspace area extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth.

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AWP NV E5 Tonopah, NV [Revised]

Tonopah Airport, NV
(lat. 38°03'29" N, long. 117°05'22" W)
Tonopah VORTAC
(lat. 38°01'50" N, long. 117°02'01" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 4.3-mile radius of the Tonopah Airport and that airspace northwest of the Tonopah Airport bounded by a line beginning at lat. 38°18'00" N, long. 117°17'00" W; thence eastbound to lat. 38°18'00" N, long. 117°03'00" W; thence southbound to lat. 38°17'22" N, long. 117°03'00" W; thence clockwise via the 4.3-mile radius of the Tonopah Airport to lat. 38°04'00" N, long. 117°10'46" N; thence northwestbound to lat. 38°12'00" N, long. 117°17'00" W, thence to the point of beginning. That airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface within the area beginning at lat. 37°53'00" N, long. 117°05'41" W; thence southwestbound along the southeastern edge of V-135 to the 24-mile radius of Tonopah VORTAC; thence clockwise along the 24-mile radius of the Tonopah VORTAC to the southern edge of V-244; thence eastbound along the southern edge of V-244 to the 20-mile radius of the Tonopah VORTAC; thence clockwise along the 20-mile radius of the Tonopah VORTAC to lat. 38°18'00" N, long. 117°17'00" W; thence southbound to lat. 38°18'00" N, long. 117°00'00" W; thence southbound to lat. 38°14'00" N, long. 117°00'00" W; thence eastbound to lat. 38°17'00" N, long. 116°36'00" W; thence southbound to lat. 38°00'00" N, long. 116°33'00" W, thence westbound to lat. 37°59'30" N, long. 116°38'30" W; thence eastbound to lat. 37°53'00" N, long. 116°38'30" W, thence to the point of beginning.

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George D. Williams,
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14 CFR Part 73

[Airspace Docket No. 96-ASO-17]

RIN: 2120-AA66

Change Controlling Agency for Restricted Areas R-5301, Albemarle Sound and R-5302A, B, and C, Harvey Point, NC

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final Rule.

SUMMARY: This action changes the controlling agency for Restricted Area R-5301, Albemarle Sound, NC, and all subareas of R-5302, Harvey Point, NC, from “FAA, Washington ARTCC” to “Norfolk Airport Traffic Control Tower (ATCT), Norfolk, VA.”

EFFECTIVE DATE: 0901 UTC, December 5, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Need for Rulemaking**

The recent re delegation of airspace in the vicinity of Elizabeth City Coast Guard/Municipal and Dare County Regional Airports, requires changing the controlling agency to reflect current airspace areas of responsibility.

The Amendment

This amendment to Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations part 73 (14 CFR part 73) changes the controlling agency for R-5301, Albemarle Sound, NC, and all subareas of R-5302, Harvey Point, NC, from “FAA, Washington ARTCC” to “FAA, Norfolk ATCT.”

Since this action simply changes the published controlling agency, the FAA finds that notice and public procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) are unnecessary because this action is a minor technical amendment in which the public would not be particularly interested. Section 73.53 of part 73 of the Federal Aviation Regulations was republished in FAA Order 7400.8D dated July 11, 1996.

Environmental Review

This action changes the published controlling agency for R-5301 and R-5302. There are no changes to air traffic control procedures or routes as a result of this action. Also, there are no changes to the dimensions or type of activity conducted in these areas as a result of this action. Therefore, this action is not subject to environmental assessments and procedures under FAA Order 1050.1D, “Policies and Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts,” and the National Environmental Policy Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 73

Airspace, Navigation (air)

Adoption of the Amendment

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

PART 73—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959–1963 Comp., p. 389; 14 CFR 11.69.

§ 73.53 [Amended]

2. Section 73.53 is amended as follows:

R–5301 Albemarle, NC [Amended]

By removing the current controlling agency and substituting the following: “Controlling agency. FAA, Norfolk ATCT, Norfolk, VA.”

R–5302A Harvey Point, NC [Amended]

By removing the current controlling agency and substituting the following: “Controlling agency. FAA, Norfolk ATCT, Norfolk, VA.”

R–5302B Harvey Point, NC [Amended]

By removing the current controlling agency and substituting the following: “Controlling agency. FAA, Norfolk ATCT, Norfolk, VA.”

R–5302C Harvey Point, NC [Amended]

By removing the current controlling agency and substituting the following: “Controlling agency. FAA, Norfolk ATCT, Norfolk, VA.”

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 2, 1996.

Harold W. Becker,

*Acting Program Director for Air Traffic
Airspace Management.*

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14 CFR Part 73

[Airspace Docket No. 96–ANM–16]

RIN 2120–AA66

Changes to Restricted Areas R–6714A, E, F, G, and H, Yakima, WA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends restricted airspace at Yakima Firing Center, WA. This action redefines Restricted Areas R–6714A, R–6714E, R–6714G, and R–6714H to delete a congruent point in the airspace description that encroached on the protected airspace for Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range (VOR) Federal Airway V–187. In

addition, the designated altitude of R–6714F is amended from “surface to 29,000 feet,” to “surface to but not including 29,000 feet.”

EFFECTIVE DATE: 0901 UTC, December 5, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken McElroy, Airspace and Rules Division, ATA–400, Office of Air Traffic Airspace Management, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267–8783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

In 1962, R–6714 was established to support the firing of long-range weapons for the U.S. Army. Since its inception, many refinements have been made to the restricted area to reflect changing requirements as well as administrative changes. The latest refinement occurred on April 11, 1996, when the FAA published a final rule (61 FR 18062) expanding and redefining the Yakima Firing Center restricted area complex. These changes, effective June 20, 1996, were instituted as part of a U.S. Army review of future training requirements.

Upon further review of this airspace action by the Seattle Flight Procedures Office, it was determined that the current configuration of the Yakima Firing Center restricted areas encroached slightly on the protected airspace for VOR Federal Airway V–187. (As an interim measure, the FAA published a Notice to Airmen indicating that V–187 is unusable when R–6714 is in use.) This action removes that encroachment. In addition, the designated altitude of R–6714F is amended from “surface to 29,000 feet,” to “surface to but not including 29,000 feet.”

The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. Section 73.67 of part 73 of the Federal Aviation Regulations was republished in FAA Order 7400.8D dated July 11, 1996.

The Rule

This amendment to part 73 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 73) amends R–6714A, R–6714E, R–6714F, R–6714G, and R–6714H, Yakima Firing Center, WA. This rule moves a congruent corner defining R–6714A, R–6711E, R–6714G, and R–6714H approximately ¼ quarter mile west to remove the encroachment on the protected airspace of V–187. Additionally, the designated altitude of R–6714F is changed from “surface to 29,000 feet,” to “surface to but not including 29,000 feet.” Because this

action corrects a minor technical error and reduces restricted airspace, I find that notice and public procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) are unnecessary because this action is a minor technical amendment in which the public would not be particularly interested.

Environmental Review

This action reduces restricted airspace. There are no changes to air traffic control procedures or routes as a result of this action. Therefore, this action is not subject to environmental assessments and procedures under FAA Order 1050.1D, “Policies and Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts,” and the National Environmental Policy Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 73

Airspace, Navigation (air).

Adoption of the Amendment

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

PART 73—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959–1963 Comp., p. 389; 14 CFR 11.69.

§ 73.67 [Amended]

2. Section 73.67 is amended as follows:

R–6714A Yakima, WA [Amended]

By removing the present boundaries and substituting the following:

Boundaries. Beginning at lat. 46°50'59" N., long. 119°58'04" W.; Thence south along the west edge of the Columbia River to lat. 46°42'28" N., long. 119°58'19" W.; to lat. 46°35'04" N., long. 120°02'50" W.; to lat. 46°37'50" N., long. 120°20'26" W.; to lat. 46°38'29" N., long. 120°20'25" W.; to lat. 46°38'59" N., long. 120°22'13" W.; to lat. 46°42'19" N., long. 120°26'12" W.; thence north along the east side of Interstate Highway 82 to lat. 46°47'49" N., long. 120°21'19" W.; to lat. 46°51'09" N., long. 120°09'02" W.; to point of beginning.

R–6714E Yakima, WA [Amended]

By removing the present boundaries and substituting the following:

Boundaries. Beginning at lat. 46°50'59" N., long. 119°58'04" W.; thence south along the west side of the Columbia River to lat. 46°42'28" N., long. 119°58'19" W.; thence south along the west side of the Columbia River to lat. 46°38'59" N., long. 119°56'09" W.; to lat. 46°38'08" N., long. 119°56'13" W.; to lat. 46°38'08" N., long. 119°55'04" W.; to lat. 46°33'55" N., long. 119°55'04" W.; to lat. 46°33'19" N., long. 119°55'04" W.; to lat. 46°32'50" N., long. 119°55'04" W.; to lat. 46°32'50" N., long. 120°04'25" W.; to lat. 46°37'03" N., long. 120°20'26" W.; to lat.