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Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the rule that might suggest a need to modify the rule. All comments submitted will be available, both before and after the closing date for comments, in the Rules Docket for examination by interested persons. A report that summarizes each FAA-public contact concerned with the substance of this action will be filed in the Rules Docket.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments submitted in response to this rule must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket No. 99-ASW-20." The postcard will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

Agency Findings

The regulations adopted herein will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various level of government. Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 12612, it is determined that this final rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Further, the FAA has determined that this regulation is noncontroversial and unlikely to result in adverse or negative comments and only involves an established body of technical regulations that require frequent and routine amendments to keep them operationally current. Therefore, I

certify that 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 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) if promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. Since this rule involves routine matters that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it does not warrant preparation of a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis because the anticipated impact is so minimal.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

PART 71—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, CLASS B, CLASS C, CLASS D, AND CLASS E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIRWAYS; ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

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.

§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9G, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, dated September 1, 1999 and effective September 16, 1999, is amended as follows:

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

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ASW TX ES Mineral Wells, TX [Revised]

Mineral Wells Airport, TX
(Lat. 32°46'56" N., long. 98°03'40" W.)
Mineral Wells NDB
(Lat. 32°47'07" N., long. 98°03'26" W.)
Millsap VORTAC
(Lat. 32°43'57" N., long. 98°00'00" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.5-mile radius of Mineral Wells Airport and within 2.5 miles each side of the 145° bearing from the Mineral Wells NDB extending from the 6.5-mile radius to 7.5 miles southeast for the airport and within 2.5 miles each side of the 138° radial of the Millsap VORTAC extending from the 6.5-mile radius to 11.7 miles southeast of the airport.

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Issued in Fort Worth, TX, on September 14, 1999.

Robert N. Stevens,

*Acting Manager, Air Traffic Division,
Southwest Region.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 99-ASW-23]

Revision of Class E Airspace; Alice, TX

AGENCY: Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Direct final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This amendment revises the Class E airspace at Alice, TX. The development of a Nondirectional Radio Beacon (NDB) Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP), at Kleberg County Airport, Kingsville, TX, has made this rule necessary. This action is intended to provide adequate controlled airspace extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface for Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations to Kleberg County Airport, Kingsville, TX.

DATES: Effective 0901 UTC, December 30, 1999. Comments must be received on or before November 19, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the rule in triplicate to Manager, Airspace Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Docket No. 99-ASW-23, Fort Worth, TX 76193-0520.

The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, Federal Aviation Administration, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Room 663, Fort Worth, TX, between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the Airspace Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Room 414, Fort Worth, TX.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald J. Day, Airspace Branch, Air Traffic Division, Southwest Region, Federal Aviation Administration, Fort Worth, TX 76193-0520, telephone 817-232-5593.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This amendment to 14 CFR part 71 revises the Class E airspace at Alice, TX. The development of a NDB SIAP, at Kleberg County Airport, Kingsville, TX, has

made this rule necessary. This action is intended to provide adequate controlled airspace extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface for Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations to Kleberg County Airport, Kingsville, TX.

Class E airspace designations are published in Paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9G, dated September 1, 1999, and effective September 16, 1999, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR § 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in the order.

The Direct Final Rule Procedure

The FAA anticipates that this regulation will not result in adverse or negative comment and therefore is issuing it as a direct final rule. A substantial number of previous opportunities provided to the public to comment on substantially identical actions have resulted in negligible adverse comments or objections. Unless a written adverse or negative comment, or a written notice of intent to submit an adverse or negative comment is received within the comment period, the regulation will become effective on the date specified above. After the close of the comment period, the FAA will publish a document in the **Federal Register** indicating that no adverse or negative comments were received and confirming the date on which the final rule will become effective. If the FAA does receive, within the comment period, an adverse or negative comment, or written notice of intent to submit such a comment, a document withdrawing the direct final rule will be published in the **Federal Register**, and a notice of proposed rulemaking may be published with a new comment period.

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Agency Findings

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2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.96, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, dated September 1, 1999, and effective September 16, 1999, is amended as follows:

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

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ASW TX E5 Alice, TX [Revised]

Alice International Airport, TX

(Lat. 27°44'27"N., long. 98°01'38"W.)

Orange Grove NALF, TX

(Lat. 27°54'04"N., long. 98°03'06"W.)

Navy Orange Grove TACAN

(Lat. 27°53'43"N., long. 98°02'33"W.)

Kingsville, Kleberg County Airport, TX

(Lat. 27°33'03"N., long. 98°01'51"W.)

Agua Dulce, Old Hoppe Place Airport, TX

(Lat. 27°48'01"N., long. 97° 51'04"W.)

Kleberg County NDB

(Lat. 27°36'21"N., long. 98°05'23"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7.5-mile radius of Alice International Airport and within 2 miles each side of the 135° bearing from the airport extending from the 7.5-mile radius to 9.8 miles southeast of the airport and within a 7.2-mile radius of Orange Grove NALF and within 1.6 miles each side of the 129° radial of the Navy Orange Grove TACAN extending from the 7.2-mile radius to 11.7 miles southeast of the airport and within 1.5 miles each side of the 320° radial of the Navy Orange Grove TACAN extending from the 7.2-mile radius to 9.7 miles northwest of the airport and within a 6.5-mile radius of Kleberg County Airport and within 4 miles east and 8 miles west of the 306° bearing extending from the Kleberg County NDB to 14.4 miles northwest of the airport and within a 6.3-mile radius of Old Hoppe Place Airport excluding that airspace within the Corpus Christi, TX, Class E airspace area.

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