

trends which could indicate deterioration in the physical condition or the operational effectiveness of the system or suggest a need for changes in security, operations or maintenance policies, practices and procedures. For portions of the borrower's system that are not operated by the borrower, if any, the borrower's written analysis would also include a review of the operator's performance under the operating agreement.

(b) When a borrower's security, operations and maintenance policies, practices, and procedures are to be reviewed and evaluated by RUS, the borrower shall:

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5. Section 1730.26 is amended by:

a. Revising the section title;

b. Designating the text as paragraph

(a) and adding a paragraph heading; and

c. Adding a new paragraph (b).

This redesignation and addition are to read as follows:

§ 1730.26 Certification.

(a) *Engineer's certification.* * * *

(b) *Emergency Restoration Plan certification.* If the self-certification of an ERP and vulnerability and risk assessment are not received prior to completion of the loan approval process, approval of the loan will not be considered until the certifications are received by RUS.

5. Sections 1730.27 and 1730.28 are added to read as follow:

§ 1730.27 Vulnerability and risk assessment.

(a) Each borrower shall perform an initial and periodic vulnerability and risk assessment of its electric system and maintain adequate records of such assessments.

(b) The borrower vulnerability and risk assessment is to be utilized by the borrower to assist in identifying critical facilities and business operational assets, the exposure of these identified facilities and assets to harm via natural or manmade acts, and methods or methodology to mitigate the exposure to harm.

(c) The vulnerability and risk assessment shall include, but not be limited to, identifying:

(1) Critical assets or infrastructure served by the borrowers' electric system that are identified as elements of national security;

(2) Critical asset components and elements unique to the RUS borrowers system;

(3) External system impacts (interdependency) with loss of identified system components;

(4) Threats to facilities and assets identified in paragraphs (c)(1) or (2) of this section; and

(5) Criticality and risk level of the borrowers system.

§ 1730.28 Emergency Restoration Plan (ERP).

(a) Each borrower shall have a written ERP. The ERP should be developed by the borrower through the borrower's unique knowledge of its system, prudent utility practices and the borrower's completed vulnerability and risk assessment. The ERP shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A list of key contact emergency numbers (emergency agencies, borrower management and other key personnel, contractors and equipment suppliers, other utilities, and others that might need to be reached in an emergency);

(2) A list of key utility management and other personnel and identification of a chain of command and delegation of authority and responsibility during an emergency;

(3) Procedures for recovery from loss of power to the headquarters, key offices, and/or operation center facilities.

(4) A Business Continuity Section describing a plan to maintain or re-establish business operations following an event which disrupts business systems (computer, financial, and other business systems).

(b) The ERP must be approved and signed by the borrower's manager or chief executive officer and approved by the Board of Directors, as applicable.

(c) Copies of the most recent approved ERP must be made readily available to key personnel at all times.

(d) The ERP shall be Exercised at least annually to ensure operability and employee familiarity.

(e) If modifications are made to an existing ERP:

(1) The modified ERP must be prepared in compliance with the provisions of paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section; and

(2) Additional Exercises will be necessary to maintain employee operability and familiarity.

(f) Each borrower shall maintain records of such Exercises.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket FAA-2003-16137; Airspace Docket 03-ANM-07]

Proposed Revision of Class E Airspace; Lexington, OR

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This proposal would revise the Class E. airspace at Lexington, OR. New Area Navigation (RNAV) Global Positioning System (GPS) Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPs) makes this proposal necessary. Additional Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth is necessary for the safety of IFR aircraft executing the new RNAV GPS SIAPs at Lexington Airport, Lexington, OR.

DATES: Comments must be received by May 3, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on this proposal to the Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You must identify the docket, FAA-2003-16137; Airspace Docket 03-ANM-07, at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>. You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final dispositions in person in the Docket Office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Docket Office (telephone number 1-800-647-5527) is on the plaza level of the Department of Transportation NASSIF Building at the above address.

An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the Office of the Regional Air Traffic Division, Northwest Mountain Region, Federal Aviation Administration, Airspace Branch ANM-520, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, WA 98055.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested parties are invited to participate in this proposed rulemaking by submitting such written data, views, or arguments, as they may desire. Comments that provide the factual basis supporting the views and suggestions presented are particularly helpful in developing reasoned regulatory

decisions on the proposal. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal. Communications should identify Docket No. FAA 2003-16137; Airspace Docket 03-ANM-07, and be submitted in triplicate to the address listed above. Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this action must submit, with those comments, a self-addressed stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket FAA 2003-16137; Airspace Docket 03-ANM-07." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter.

Availability of NPRM

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded through the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA's Web page at <http://www.faa.gov> or the Superintendent of Document's Web page at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>.

Additionally, any person may obtain a copy of this notice by submitting a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, Airspace Branch ANM-520, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, WA 98055. Communications must identify both document numbers for this notice. Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRMs should contact the FAA's Office of Rulemaking, (202) 267-9677, to request a copy of Advisory Circular No. 11-2A, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Distribution System, which describes the application procedures.

The Proposal

This action amends title 14 Code of Federal Regulations, part 71 (14 CFR part 71) by revising Class E airspace at Lexington, OR, New RNAV GPS SIAPs makes this proposal necessary. Additional Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth is necessary for the safety of IFR aircraft executing the new RNAV GPS SIAPs at Lexington Airport, Lexington, OR.

Class E airspace designations are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9L dated September 2, 2003, and effective September 16, 2003, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in this Order.

The FAA has determined that this proposed regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and

routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. Therefore, this proposed 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) 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 proposed rule would 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, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 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 7400.9L, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 2, 2003, and effective September 16, 2003, 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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ANM OR E5 Lexington, OR [Revised]

Lexington Airport, Lexington, OR
(Lat 45°27'15"N., long. 119°41'25"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface of the earth within a 7.0 mile radius of the Lexington Airport; that airspace extending upward from 1200 feet above the surface of the earth beginning at lat. 45°14'00" N., long. 119°33'00" W.; to lat. 45°39'26" N., long. 121°08'59" W.; to lat. 45°48'00" N., long. 121°06'30" W.; to lat. 45°38'52" N., long. 120°09'00" W.; to lat. 45°36'12" N., long. 119°45'28" W.; to lat. 45°43'09" N., long. 119°11'57" W.; to lat. 45°31'26" N., long. 119°06'04" W.; thence to

the beginning; excluding that airspace within Federal airways.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket FAA 2004-17000; Airspace Docket 02-ANM-06]

Proposed Establishment of Class E Airspace; Aspen, CO

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This proposal would establish Class E airspace at Aspen, CO. A reduction in operating hours of Class D service located at Aspen-Pitkin County/Sardy Field, has made this action necessary. Additional Class E airspace will provide a controlled environment for the safety of aircraft executing Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at Aspen-Pitkin County/Sardy Field, Aspen, CO, outside the Class D service.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 3, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on this proposal to the Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You must identify the docket number, FAA 2004-17000; Airspace Docket 02-ANM-06, at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>. You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final dispositions in person in the Docket Office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Docket Office, 1-800-647-5527, is on the plaza level of the Department of Transportation NASSIF Building at the above address.

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