ACTION: Final rule; technical amendment.

SUMMARY: This action updates using agency information for restricted areas R–3801A, R–3801B, and R–3801C, Camp Claiborne, LA. This is an administrative change to reflect an organizational transfer of using agency responsibilities within the United States Air Force. It does not affect the boundaries, designated altitudes, time of designation or activities conducted within the restricted areas.

DATES: Effective date: 0901 UTC, April 30, 2015.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On January 6, 1994, the FAA amended restricted areas R–3801A, R–3801B, and R–3801C to reflect “U.S. Air Force, 917th Fighter Wing, Barksdale AFB, LA” as the using agency. Due to multiple U.S. Air Force organizational initiatives since 1994, the 917th Fighter Wing changed to the 917th Wing and then to the 917th Fighter Group. As a result of the 917th Fighter Group deactivating in 2013, the using agency responsibilities were transferred within the U.S. Air Force to the 307th Bomb Wing at Barksdale AFB, where they remain today. The organizational changes listed above did not alter the location, size, or use of the restricted areas from the current parameters.

The Rule

This action amends Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 73 by updating the using agency name for restricted areas R–3801A, R–3801B, and R–3801C, Camp Claiborne, LA. The name change is due to an organizational transfer of restricted area using agency responsibilities within the U.S. Air Force. This is an administrative change that does not affect the boundaries, designated altitudes, or activities conducted within the restricted areas; therefore, notice and public procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) are unnecessary.

The FAA has determined that this action 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 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.

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 modifies the technical descriptions of restricted areas to ensure that accurate information is available to the flying public for the Camp Claiborne, LA, area.

Environmental Review

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1E, Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures, paragraph 311d. This airspace action is an administrative change to the description of restricted areas R–3801A, R–3801B, and R–3801C to update the using agency name. It does not alter the dimensions, altitudes, time of designation, or use of the airspace; therefore, it is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances exists that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 73

Airspace, Prohibited areas, Restricted areas.

Adoption of the Amendment

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

PART 73—SPECIAL USE AIRSPACE

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


§ 73.38 [Amended]

2. Section 73.38 is amended as follows:

R–3801A Camp Claiborne, LA


R–3801B Camp Claiborne, LA


R–3801C Camp Claiborne, LA


Issued in Washington, DC, on February 24, 2015.

Gary A. Norek,
Manager, Airspace Policy and Regulations Group.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 73


RIN 2120–AA66

Amendment of Restricted Area Boundary Descriptions; Cape Canaveral, FL

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; technical amendment, correction.

SUMMARY: This action corrects a final rule; technical amendment, published
in the Federal Register on December 15, 2014, that made minor adjustments to the boundary descriptions of restricted areas R–2932, R–2933, R–2934 and R–2935 at Cape Canaveral, FL. Due to a submission error, one latitude/longitude point was omitted from the description of restricted area R–2935, Cape Canaveral, FL. This action corrects the boundary description of R–2935 by adding the missing point.

DATES: Effective date 0901 UTC, March 5, 2015.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 15, 2014, the FAA published a final rule; technical amendment in the Federal Register that made minor adjustments to the boundary descriptions of restricted areas R–2932, R–2933, R–2934 and R–2935 at Cape Canaveral, FL (79 FR 74016). Subsequent to publication, it was determined that one latitude/longitude coordinate had been omitted from the boundary description of restricted area R–2935. The omission causes a slight gap between the boundaries of R–2935 and adjacent restricted areas. This correction inserts “lat. 28°25′01″ N., long. 80°37′59″ W.” between the points “lat. 28°25′01″ N., long. 80°41′44″ W.” and “lat. 28°24′31″ N., long. 80°29′52″ W.”

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 73

Airspace, Prohibited areas, Restricted areas.

Correction to Final Rule; Technical Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, the boundary description of restricted area R–2935 Cape Canaveral, FL, as published in the Federal Register on December 15, 2014 (79 FR 74016) (FR Doc. 2014–29268) is corrected under the description as follows:

PART 73—SPECIAL USE AIRSPACE

§ 73.29 [Corrected]

R–2935  

Cape Canaveral, FL

[Corrected]

On page 74018, first column, remove the current boundaries and add in its place the following:

Boundaries. Beginning at lat. 28°47′21″ N., long. 81°04′59″ W.; to lat. 28°58′02″ N., long. 80°46′58″ W.; thence 3 NM from and parallel to the shoreline; to lat. 28°51′16″ N., long. 80°42′29″ W.; to lat. 28°51′16″ N., long. 80°47′14″ W.; to lat. 28°49′11″ N., long. 80°50′44″ W.; to lat. 28°38′01″ N., long. 80°47′01″ W.; to lat. 28°31′21″ N., long. 80°43′49″ W.; to lat. 28°25′01″ N., long. 80°41′44″ W.; to lat. 28°25′01″ N., long. 80°37′59″ W.; to lat. 28°24′31″ N., long. 80°29′52″ W.; thence 3 NM from and parallel to the shoreline; to lat. 28°19′01″ N., long. 80°33′00″ W.; to lat. 28°19′01″ N., long. 80°46′29″ W.; to the point of beginning.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 19, 2015.

Gary A. Norek,

Manager, Airspace Policy and Regulations Group.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Parts 91, 121, 125, and 135

[Docket No. FAA–2015–0289]

Policy Regarding Datalink Communications Recording Requirements

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Policy update and clarification; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This policy statement updates and clarifies how the FAA determines when datalink communications must be recorded as a function of the cockpit voice recorder operational regulations. This policy update eliminates unneeded limitations in current policy, and restates the FAA’s intent that the requirement function as a performance-based regulation.

DATES: Effective March 2, 2015. Comments must be received by June 1, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by docket number FAA–2015–0289 using any of the following methods:
Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.
Mail: Send comments to Docket Operations, M–30; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12–140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590–0001.
Hand Delivery or Courier: Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
Fax: Fax comments to Docket Operations at (202) 493–2251.

Privacy: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at www.dot.gov/privacy.

Docket: Background documents or comments received may be read at http://www.regulations.gov at any time. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket or Docket Operations in Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical questions concerning this action contact Karen Petronis, Senior Attorney, Regulations Division, AGC–200, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267–8018, email: Karen.Petronis@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In 2008, the FAA promulgated several amendments to the flight recorder regulations of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (73 FR 12542, March 7, 2008; Docket No. FAA–2005–30245). Those regulations amended the requirements for cockpit voice recorders (CVR) and digital flight data recorders (DFDR) and affected certain air carriers, operators, and aircraft manufacturers. In amending the regulations, the FAA