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Environmental Review

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures" paragraph 311a. This airspace action 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 71

Airspace, Incorporation 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—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

■ 1. The authority citation for Part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 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 FAA Order 7400.9Z, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 6, 2015, and effective September 15, 2015, 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 LA E5 Vidalia, LA [New]

Concordia Parish Airport, LA
(Lat. 31°33'43" N., long. 91°30'23" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7.7-mile radius of Concordia Parish Airport, and within 2 miles each side of the 174° bearing from the airport extending from the 7.7 mile radius to 9 miles south of the airport.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA–2015–3322; Airspace
Docket No. 15–ANM–16]

Establishment of Class E Airspace; Vancouver, WA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation
Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action establishes Class E surface area airspace at Pearson Field, Vancouver, WA, to accommodate existing Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPs) at the airport. This enhances the safety and management of SIAPs for Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at the airport.

DATES: Effective 0901 UTC, December 10, 2015. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under Title 1, Code of Federal Regulations, part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.9 and publication of conforming amendments.

ADDRESSES: FAA Order 7400.9Z, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/. For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy and ATC Regulations Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone: 202–267–8783. The Order is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call 202–741–6030, or go to http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal_regulations/ibr_locations.html.

FAA Order 7400.9, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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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 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 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 establishes controlled airspace at Pearson Field, Vancouver, WA.

History

On August 27, 2015, the FAA published in the **Federal Register** a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to establish Class E surface area airspace Pearson Field, Vancouver, WA (80 FR 51970). Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. Eight comments were received on the proposal. Seven comments were received supporting the proposal. One comment was received from Bryan Painter stating that the airport did not need Class E surface airspace. The FAA does not agree. The FAA's decision to establish Class E surface airspace at Pearson Field is the result of years of collaborative efforts between local aircraft owner/operators, airport officials, and the FAA to make the airspace safe for aircraft flying within the National Airspace System, specifically within Portland International Airport airspace.

Class E airspace designations are published in paragraph 6002 of FAA Order 7400.9Z, dated August 6, 2015, and effective September 15, 2015, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR part 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference

This document amends FAA Order 7400.9Z, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 6, 2015, and effective September 15, 2015. FAA Order 7400.9Z is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document. FAA Order 7400.9Z lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

The Rule

This amendment to Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 establishes Class E surface area airspace, at Pearson Field, Vancouver, WA. A review of the airspace revealed current standard instrument approach procedures not being fully contained within controlled airspace. Class E surface area airspace is established within an area 4.9 miles west, 4 miles east, 2.9 miles north, and 1.8 miles south of Pearson Field.

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, is non-controversial and unlikely to result in adverse or negative comments. 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.

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§ 71.1 [Amended]

■ 2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order 7400.9Z, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 6, 2015, and effective September 15, 2015, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6002 Class E Airspace Designated as Surface Areas.

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ANM OR E2 Vancouver, WA [New]

Pearson Field, WA
(Lat. 45°37'14" N., Long. 122°39'23" W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface bounded by a line beginning at Lat. 45°36'06" N., Long. 122°46'29" W.; to Lat. 45°38'27" N., Long. 122°46'19" W.; to Lat. 45°40'21" N., Long. 122°44'08" W.; to Lat. 45°39'49" N., Long. 122°33'23" W.; to Lat. 45°34'51" N., Long. 122°33'53" W.; thence to the point of beginning.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

22 CFR Part 11

[Public Notice: 9324]

RIN 1400–AD59

Appointment of Foreign Service Officers

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of State amends provisions in the Code of Federal Regulations related to the appointment of Foreign Service Officers. The revised rules will be substantially

the same as, and will supplement, Department of State guidance currently in the Foreign Affairs Manual, which is also available to the public.

DATES: This rule will be effective on November 23, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alice Kottmyer, Office of the Legal Adviser, who may be reached at (202) 647–2318.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 206 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (the Act), codified at 22 U.S.C. 3926, the Secretary of State may prescribe regulations to carry out functions under the Act. The Secretary has done so in the Department's Foreign Affairs Manual (FAM).

The FAM is the formal written document for recording, maintaining, and issuing Department directives, which are written communications establishing and prescribing the organizations, policies, or procedures that provide an official basis of Department operation.

The Foreign Service includes personnel not only from the Department, but U.S. Agency for International Development, and certain offices within the Departments of Commerce and Agriculture, among others. FSOs may be recruited both from current federal personnel (for example, from the civil service) and from the general public. Recruitment from current federal service is covered by the FAM.

The procedures relating to recruitment of FSOs from the general public are covered by rules published in the CFR, in part 11. However, since many of the policies and procedures dealing with the latter appointments are the same as those used to appoint current federal personnel to the Foreign Service, the provisions of part 11 and the FAM must be consistent. Therefore, where part 11 uses the same procedures as the FAM, it refers to the relevant FAM provisions.

Other than a minor amendment in 2002 (*see* 67 FR 46108), part 11 has remained as it was drafted 31 years ago; whereas, the relevant provisions of the FAM were updated in 2013. This rulemaking harmonizes the two authorities. The Department believes that a revised part 11, together with the FAM, provide comprehensive guidance for both internal stakeholders and interested members of the general public on the appointment of Foreign Service Officers.

The Department's revision of part 11 is part of its Retrospective Review conducted pursuant to Executive Order 13563.