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**T-213 Louisville, KY to Richmond, IN**

Louisville, KY (IUU)  
GAMKE, IN  
MILAN, IN  
Richmond, IN (RID)

VORTAC (Lat. 38°06'13" N, long. 85°34'39" W)  
WP (Lat. 38°46'13" N, long. 85°14'35" W)  
FIX (Lat. 39°21'22" N, long. 85°19'01" W)  
DME (Lat. 39°45'18" N, long. 84°50'20" W)

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**14 CFR Part 71**

[Docket No. FAA–2017–0755; Airspace Docket No. 17–AEA–11]

**Proposed Revocation and Amendment of Class E Airspace, Philipsburg, PA**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This action proposes to remove Class E surface airspace at Mid-State Airport, as the airport no longer qualifies for surface airspace. Also, this action proposes to remove Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Philipsburg

**§71.1 [Amended]**

■ 2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order 7400.11B, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 3, 2017 and effective September 15, 2017, is amended as follows:

*Paragraph 6010(a) Domestic VOR Federal Airways.*

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**V–12 [Amended]**

From Gaviota, CA; San Marcus, CA; Palmdale, CA; 38 miles, 6 miles wide, Hector, CA; 12 miles, 38 miles, 85 MSL, 14 miles, 75 MSL, Needles, CA; 45 miles, 34 miles, 95 MSL, Drake, AZ; Winslow, AZ; 30 miles, 85 MSL, Zuni, NM; Albuquerque, NM; Otto, NM; Anton Chico, NM; Tucumcari, NM; Amarillo, TX; Mitbee, OK; Anthony, KS; Wichita, KS; Emporia, KS; INT Emporia 063° and Napoleon, MO, 243° radials; Napoleon; INT Napoleon 095° and Columbia, MO, 292° radials; Columbia; Foristell, MO; Troy, IL; Bible Grove, IL; to Shelbyville, IN. From Allegheny, PA; Johnstown, PA; Harrisburg, PA; INT Harrisburg 092° and Pottstown, PA, 278° radials; to Pottstown.

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**V–214 [Amended]**

From Kokomo IN, Marion, IN; to Muncie, IN. From INT Appleton, OH, 236° and Zanesville, OH, 274° radials; Zanesville; Bellaire, OH; INT Bellaire 107° and Grantsville, MD, 285° radials; Grantsville; Martinsburg, WV; INT Martinsburg 094° and Baltimore, MD, 300° radials; Baltimore; INT Baltimore 093° and Dupont, DE, 223° radials; Dupont; Yardley, PA; to Teterboro, NJ.

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**V–340 [Amended]**

From INT Peotone, IL, 053° and Knox, IN, 297° radials; Knox; to Fort Wayne, IN.

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**V–467 [Amended]**

From Waterville, OH; to Detroit, MI.

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**V–517 [Amended]**

From Snowbird, TN; INT Snowbird 329° and London, KY, 141° radials; London; INT London 004° and Falmouth, KY, 164° radials; Falmouth; to Cincinnati, OH.

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*Paragraph 6011 United States Area Navigation Routes.*

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Area Hospital Heliport, as the Hospital has closed. Controlled airspace redesign is necessary for the safety and management of instrument flight rules (IFR) operations at Mid-State Airport.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before February 26, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on this proposal to: U. S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Bldg. Ground Floor Rm. W12–140, Washington, DC 20590; Telephone: 1 (800) 647–5527, or (202) 366–9826. You must identify the Docket No. FAA–2017–0755; Airspace Docket No. 17–AEA–11, at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit and review received comments through the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

FAA Order 7400.11B, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed on line at [http://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/). For further

information, you can contact the Airspace Policy 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 FAA Order 7400.11B at NARA, call (202) 741–6030, or go to <https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

FAA Order 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Fornito, Operations Support Group, Eastern Service Center, Federal Aviation Administration, P.O. Box 20636, Atlanta, Georgia 30320; telephone 404 305–6364.

**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 would amend and remove Class E airspace in the Philipsburg, PA, area to support IFR operations.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to comment on this rule 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 both docket numbers and be submitted in triplicate to the address listed above. You may also submit comments through the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Persons 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 No. FAA-2017-0755; Airspace Docket No. 17-AEA-11." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter.

All communications received on or before the specified closing date for comments will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this notice may be changed in light of the comments received. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

##### Availability of NPRMs

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded from and comments submitted through <http://www.regulations.gov>. Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA's web page at [http://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/airspace\\_amendments/](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/airspace_amendments/).

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received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office (see the **ADDRESSES** section for address and phone number) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays at the office of the Eastern Service Center, Federal Aviation Administration, Room 350, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, Georgia 30337.

##### Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference

This document proposes to amend FAA Order 7400.11B, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 3, 2017, and effective September 15, 2017. FAA Order 7400.11B is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. FAA Order 7400.11B lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

##### The Proposal

The FAA is considering an amendment to Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 to remove Class E surface airspace at Mid-State Airport as the airport no longer qualifies for the airspace. Also, the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface surrounding Philipsburg Area Hospital Heliport would be removed as the hospital has closed. Airspace reconfiguration is necessary for continued safety and management of IFR operations in the area.

Class E airspace designations are published in Paragraphs 6002 and 6005 respectively, of FAA Order 7400.11B, dated August 3, 2017, and effective September 15, 2017, 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.

##### Regulatory Notices and Analyses

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. It, therefore: (1) Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under Department of Transportation (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, when promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

##### Environmental Review

This proposal would be subject to an environmental analysis in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures" prior to any FAA final regulatory action.

##### Lists of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

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##### § 71.1 [Amended]

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*Paragraph 6002 Class E Surface Area Airspace.*

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##### **AEA PA E2 Philipsburg, PA [Removed]**

*Paragraph 6005 Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward From 700 Feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth.*

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##### **AEA PA E5 Philipsburg, PA [Amended]**

Mid-State Airport, PA  
(Lat. 40°53'04" N, long. 78°05'14" W)  
Philipsburg VORTAC  
(Lat. 40°54'59" N, long. 77°59'34" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.6-mile radius of Mid-State Airport extending clockwise from the 261° bearing to the 012° bearing from the airport and within a 7.4-mile radius of Mid-State Airport extending clockwise from the 012° bearing to the 098°

bearing from the airport and within a 6.6-mile radius of Mid-State Airport extending clockwise from the 098° bearing to the 183° bearing from the airport, and within a 8.3-mile radius of Mid-State Airport extending clockwise from the 183° bearing to the 261° bearing from the airport and within 3.1 miles each of the Philipsburg VORTAC 067° radial extending from the VORTAC to 10 miles northeast of the VORTAC, and within 3.5 miles each side of the 327° bearing from a point at lat. 40°53'09" N, long. 78°05'06" W, extending from said point to a point 7.4 miles northwest, and within 2.2 miles each side of the Philipsburg VORTAC 330° radial extending from the VORTAC to 5.3 miles northwest of the VORTAC and within 3.1 miles each side of the Philipsburg VORTAC 301° radial extending from the VORTAC to 10 miles northwest of the VORTAC.

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## DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

### 18 CFR Parts 401 and 440

#### Administrative Manual and Special Regulations Regarding Natural Gas Development Activities; Additional Clarifying Amendments

**AGENCY:** Delaware River Basin Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; notice of public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission proposes to amend its *Special Regulations* by the addition of a section on hydraulic fracturing in shale and other rock formations, including: The prohibition of high volume hydraulic fracturing in such formations; provisions related to water use for hydraulic fracturing; and provisions related to the management of produced water from hydraulic fracturing. The Commission also proposes to amend its *Administrative Manual—Rules of Practice and Procedure* by the addition of project review classifications and fees related to the management of produced water from hydraulic fracturing of hydrocarbon bearing rock formations. Minor amendments to the project review classifications unrelated to hydraulic fracturing are also proposed.

**DATES:** *Written comments:* Written comments will be accepted through 5 p.m. on March 30, 2018.

*Public hearings:*

1. January 23, 2018, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Waymart, Wayne County, PA

2. January 23, 2018, 6:00 p.m. to as late as 9:30 p.m., Waymart, Wayne County, PA

3. January 25, 2018, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Philadelphia, PA

4. January 25, 2018, 6:00 p.m. to as late as 9:30 p.m., Philadelphia, PA

5. February 22, 2018, 3 p.m. to as late as 7 p.m., Schnecksville, PA

6. March 6, 2018, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., via telephone.

*Registration to attend hearings:*

Online registration to attend hearings will remain open until 5 p.m. the day prior to the hearing. (On-site registration will also be available at in-person venues.) Registrants will be afforded opportunities to request speaking time.

**ADDRESSES:** *Written submissions:*

Written comments will be accepted through the Commission's online public comment collection system at: <http://dockets.drbc.commentinput.com>. To request an exception to use of the online system based on lack of access to the internet, please contact: Commission Secretary, DRBC, P.O. Box 7360, West Trenton, NJ 08628.

*The hearing locations are:*

- Ladore Camp, Retreat and Conference Center, 287 Owego Turnpike, Waymart, PA 18472 (Jan. 23)
- DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Philadelphia Airport, 4509 Island Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19153 (Jan. 25)
- LCCC Community Services Center, 4525 Education Park Drive, Schnecksville, PA 18078 (Feb. 22)
- By telephone 866-831-8713 (Mar. 6)

*Registration to attend hearings:* To register to attend one or more public hearings, use the links posted on the Commission's website at [http://www.nj.gov/drbc/meetings/proposed/notice\\_hydraulic-fracturing.html](http://www.nj.gov/drbc/meetings/proposed/notice_hydraulic-fracturing.html) (strongly recommended). On-site registration will also be available at in-person hearing venues. Registrants will be afforded opportunities to request speaking time.

See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for important details regarding the substance of requested comments, registration to attend public hearings, and other aspects of the public process.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kate Schmidt, 609-477-7205, [kate.schmidt@drbc.nj.gov](mailto:kate.schmidt@drbc.nj.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC or "Commission") is a regional interstate and federal agency formed by concurrent compact legislation of the four basin states and the federal government in 1961 to manage the water resources of the Delaware River Basin

without regard to political boundaries. Its members are, *ex officio*, the governors of the basin states (Delaware, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania) and the commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers North Atlantic Division, who represents the federal government. Most actions of the Commission, including the adoption of rules to effectuate, apply and enforce the compact, require a majority vote of the Commission's five members.

### Background

On September 13, 2017, the Commissioners by a Resolution for the Minutes directed the Executive Director to prepare and publish for public comment a revised set of draft regulations, to include: "(a) prohibitions relating to the production of natural gas utilizing horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing within the basin; (b) provisions for ensuring the safe and protective storage, treatment, disposal and/or discharge of wastewater within the basin associated with horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing for the production of natural gas where permitted; and (c) regulation of the inter-basin transfer of water and wastewater for purposes of natural gas development where permitted."

In accordance with the Commissioners' September 13 directive, the Commission is proposing amendments to its regulations and comprehensive plan to better provide for the planning, conservation, utilization, development, management and control of the basin's water resources in connection with the hydraulic fracturing of shale and other hydrocarbon bearing formations to produce oil and gas. The Commission proposes to prohibit high volume hydraulic fracturing within the basin to effectuate the comprehensive plan for the immediate and long-term development and use of the water resources of the basin, and to conserve, preserve and protect the quality and quantity of the basin's water resources for uses in accordance with the comprehensive plan.

Through a series of policies and regulations establishing and amending its comprehensive plan, the Commission over the past half-century has established in-stream water quality standards throughout the basin, prohibited degradation of groundwater, and provided special protection to the non-tidal segment of the Delaware River to preserve its exceptionally high water quality and water supply values. As the agency through which the five signatory parties to the Compact collectively manage the basin's water resources on a