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 will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, would 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 will 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.

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, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR part 71 of FAA Order 7400.11B, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 3, 2017, and effective September 15, 2017, is amended as follows:

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

AGL MI E5 Lansing, MI [Amended]

Capital Region International Airport, MI (Lat. 42°46′43″ N, long. 84°35′10″ W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.8-mile radius of Capital Region International Airport, and within 2.0 miles each side of the north bearing from the airport extending from the 6.8-mile radius to 10.4 mile east of the airport, and within 4.0 miles each side of the 233° bearing from the airport extending from the 6.8-mile radius to 10.5 miles southwest of the airport.

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 Acting Manager, Operations Support Group, ATO Central Service Center.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71


RIN 2120–AA66

Proposed Amendment of VOR Federal Airways V–170 and V–219 in the Vicinity of Fairmont, MN

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This action proposes to amend VHF Omnidirectional Range (VOR) Federal Airways V–170 and V–219 in the vicinity of Fairmont, MN. The modifications are necessary due to the planned decommissioning of the Fairmont, MN (FRM), VOR navigation aid (NAVAID), which provides navigation guidance for portions of the affected air traffic service (ATS) routes. The Fairmont VOR is being decommissioned as part of the VOR Minimum Operational Network (MON) program.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 1, 2018.


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 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 would modify the route structure as necessary to preserve the safe and efficient flow of air traffic within the National Airspace System.

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 both docket numbers (FAA Docket No. FAA–2018–0280; Airspace Docket No. 17–AGL–27) and be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Management Facility (see ADDRESSES section for address and phone number). You may also submit comments through the internet at http://www.regulations.gov.
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 FAA Docket No. FAA–2018–0280: Airspace Docket No. 17–AGL–27.” The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter.

All communications received on or before the specified comment closing date will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this action may be changed in light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the public docket both before and after the comment closing date. 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 through the internet at 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/.

You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office (see 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 during normal business hours at the office of the Operations Support Group, Central Service Center, Federal Aviation Administration, 10101 Hillwood Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76177.

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.

Background

The FAA is planning decommissioning activities for the Fairmont, MN (FRM), VOR in 2019 as one of the candidate VORs identified for discontinuance by the FAA’s VOR MON program and listed in the final policy statement notice, “Provision of Navigation Services for the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) Transition to Performance-Based Navigation (PBN) (Plan for Establishing a VOR Minimum Operational Network),” published in the Federal Register of July 26, 2016 (81 FR 48694), Docket No. FAA–2011–1082.

Although the VOR portion of the Fairmont, MN, VOR/Distance Measuring Equipment (DME) NAVAID is planned for decommissioning, the DME portion is being retained. The ATS routes effected by the Fairmont VOR are VOR Federal airways V–170 and V–219.

With the planned decommissioning of the Fairmont VOR, the remaining ground-based NAVAID coverage in the area is insufficient to enable the continuity of the affected airways. As such, proposed modifications to V–170 and V–219 would result in gaps in the route structures. To overcome the gaps, instrument flight rules (IFR) traffic could use adjacent VOR Federal airways V–24, V–250, and V–398 between the Worthington, MN, VOR/DME and Rochester, MN, VOR/DME or Federal Airways V–100, V–175, V–250, and V–456 between the Sioux City, IA, VOR/ Tactical Air Navigation (VORTAC) and Mankato, MN, VOR/DME to circumnavigate the affected area.

Additionally, IFR traffic could file point to point through the affected area using fixes that will remain in place, or receive air traffic control (ATC) radar vectors through the area. Visual flight rules pilots who elect to navigate via the airways through the affected area could also take advantage of the adjacent VOR Federal airways or ATC services listed previously.

The Proposal

The FAA is proposing an amendment to Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 to modify VOR Federal airways V–170 and V–219. The planned decommissioning of the Fairmont, MN, VOR has made these actions necessary. The proposed VOR Federal airway changes are outlined below.

V–170: V–170 currently extends between the Devils Lake, ND, VOR/DME and the Salem, MI VORTAC; and between the Erie, PA, VORTAC and the intersection of the Andrews 060° and Baltimore, MD, 165° radials (POLLAX fix); excluding the airspace within R–5802 when active. In a separate rulemaking action, the FAA is removing the airway segment between the Erie, PA, VORTAC and the Bradford, PA, VOR/DME effective May 24, 2018 (83 FR 13404, March 29, 2018). The FAA now proposes to remove the airway segment between the Worthington, MN, VOR/DME and the Rochester, MN, VOR/DME. The unaffected portions of the existing airway would remain as charted.

V–219: V–219 currently extends between the Hayes Center, NE, VORTAC and the Mankato, MN, VOR/DME. The FAA proposes to remove the airway segment between the Sioux City, IA, VORTAC and the Mankato, MN, VOR/DME. The unaffected portions of the existing airway would remain as charted.

All radials in the route descriptions below are unchanged and stated in True degrees.

VOR Federal airways are published in paragraph 6010(a) 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 VOR Federal airways listed in this document would be subsequently published 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 will 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.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

The Proposed Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 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:


§ 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.

V–170 [Amended]

From Devils Lake, ND; INT Devils Lake 187° and Jamestown, ND, 337° radials; Jamestown; Aberdeen, SD; Sioux Falls, SD; to Worthington, MN; from Rochester, MN; Nodine, MN; Dells, WI; INT Dells 097° and Badger, WI, 304° radials; Badger; INT Badger 121° and Pullman, MI, 282° radials; Pullman; to Salem, MI; from Bradford, PA; Slate Run, PA; Selingsgrove, PA; Ravine, PA; INT Ravine 125° and Modena, PA, 318° radials; Modena; Dupont, DE; INT Dupont 223° and Andrews, MD, 060° radials; to INT Andrews 060° and Baltimore, MD, 165° radials. The airspace within R–5802 is excluded when active.

V–219 [Amended]

From Hayes Center, NE; INT Hayes Center 059° and Wolbach, NE, 251° radials; Wolbach; Norfolk, NE; to Sioux City, IA.

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Rodger A. Dean Jr.,
Manager, Airspace Policy Group.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Indian Affairs

25 CFR Part 30

Bureau of Indian Education Standards, Assessments, and Accountability System Negotiated Rulemaking Committee Establishment; Proposed Membership

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed membership of Committee and request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Interior is announcing the proposed members to form the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) Standards, Assessments, and Accountability System Negotiated Rulemaking Committee (Committee) which will advise the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) through the BIE on a proposed rule to revise the Adequate Yearly Progress regulation as previously announced in the Federal Register. This notice solicits comments on the proposed membership, and invites additional nominations for Committee members who will adequately represent the interests that are likely to be significantly affected by the proposed rule. The Secretary also proposes to appoint Federal representatives to the Committee as listed.

DATES: Comments must be submitted no later than May 17, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Send comments and nominations to the Designated Federal Officer, Ms. Sue Bement, Education Program Specialist, Bureau of Indian Education, by any of the following methods:

• (Preferred method) Email to: BIEcomments@bia.gov;
• Mail, hand-carry or use an overnight courier service to the Designated Federal Officer, Ms. Sue Bement, The Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, 1001 Indian School Road NW, Suite 312, Albuquerque, NM 87104.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Designated Federal Officer, Ms. Sue Bement, Bureau of Indian Education: email: BIEcomments@bia.gov; phone: (502) 851–5427.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The purpose of the BIE Committee is to serve as an advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and the Negotiated Rulemaking Act (NRA). Pursuant to the Federal Register notice of intent (82 FR 43199), the Secretary has selected 13 Tribal representatives and 5 Federal representatives for the Committee, for a proposed total of 18 members.

Every Student Succeeds Act

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) reauthorizes and amends the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). ESEA Section 8204, as amended by ESSA directs the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, if so requested use a negotiated rulemaking process to develop regulations for implementation of the Secretary of the Interior’s responsibility to define standards, assessments, and an accountability system for Bureau-funded schools. The Committee will recommend regulations that will replace the existing regulations at 25 CFR part 30 and implement the Secretary’s new statutory responsibility to define standards, assessments, and an accountability system for Bureau-funded schools consistent with ESEA section 1111, as amended, on a national, regional, or Tribal basis, as appropriate, taking into account the unique circumstances and needs of such schools and the students served by such schools.

ESEA section 8204 also provides that if a Tribal governing body or school board of a Bureau-funded school determines the requirements established by the Secretary of the Interior are inappropriate, they may waive, in part or in whole, such requirements. Where such requirements are waived, the Tribal governing body or school board must, within 60 days, submit to the Secretary of the Interior a proposal for alternative standards, assessments, and an accountability system, if applicable, consistent with ESEA section 1111. The proposal will be approved by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Education, unless the proposed standards, assessments, and accountability system do not meet the requirements of ESEA section 1111, taking into account the unique circumstances and needs of such school or schools and the students served. Additionally, a Tribal governing body or school board of a Bureau-funded school seeking a waiver may request, technical assistance from the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Education.

Proposed Work of the Committee

The objectives of the Committee are to represent the interests that will be significantly affected by the final regulations, negotiate in good faith, and reach consensus, where possible, on recommendations to the Secretary for the proposed regulations.

The Committee will be charged, consistent with ESEA section 8204, with developing draft regulations to implement the Secretary’s responsibility to define the standards, assessments, and an accountability system, consistent with ESEA Section 1111, for Bureau-funded schools. The draft regulations will be considered by the Secretary and subject to government-to-government consultation. As a part of its deliberations, the Committee will consider the appropriate scope of the draft regulations, e.g., national, regional, or Tribal basis, as appropriate, taking