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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 96-ASO-29]

#### Proposed Establishment of Class E Airspace; Thomson, GA, and Proposed Amendment of Class E Airspace; Augusta, GA

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an extension of the comment period on a notice of proposed rulemaking which proposes to establish Class E airspace at Thomson, GA, for the Thomson-McDuffie Airport, and amend the Augusta, GA, Class E airspace area by removing the airspace previously required for the Thomson-McDuffie Airport. This action is being taken because potential commentors lacked sufficient time to review the proposal prior to the end of the comment period. **DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 10, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Docket No. 96-ASO-29, Manager, Operations Branch, ASO-530, P.O. Box 20636, Atlanta, GA 30320.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Airspace Docket No. 96-ASO-29, published on November 29, 1996 (61 FR 60660) proposed to establish Class E airspace at Thomson, GA, for the Thomson-McDuffie Airport, and amend the Augusta, GA, Class E airspace area by removing the airspace previously required for the Thomson-McDuffie Airport. This action will extend the comment period closing date from January 7, 1997 to March 10, 1997.

##### List of Subjects in 14 CFR part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (AIR).

#### Extension of Comment Period

The comment period closing date on Airspace Docket No. 96-ASO-29 is hereby extended to March 10, 1997.

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; 14 CFR 11.69.

Issued in College Park, Georgia, on January 14, 1997.

Wade T. Carpenter,

Manager, Air Traffic Division, Southern Region.

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#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 96-AAL-29]

#### Proposed Establishment of Class E Airspace; Atkasuk, AK

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This action establishes Class E airspace at Atkasuk, AK. The development of Global Positioning System (GPS) instrument approaches to runway (RWY) 6 and RWY 24 have made this action necessary. This action will change the airport status from Visual Flight Rules (VFR) to Instrument Flight Rules (IFR). The area would be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference. The intended effect of this proposal is to provide adequate controlled airspace for IFR operations at Atkasuk, AK.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 14, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Manager, System Management Branch, AAL-530, Docket No. 96-AAL-29, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513-7587.

The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel for the Alaskan Region at the same address.

An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours in the Office of the Manager, System Management Branch, Air Traffic Division, at the address shown above.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert van Haastert, System Management Branch, AAL-538, Federal

Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513-7587; telephone number (907) 271-5863.

#### 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 the airspace docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address listed above. Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this notice must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Airspace Docket No. 96-AAL-29." 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 comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the System Management Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK, both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

##### Availability of NPRM's

Any person may obtain a copy of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) by submitting a request to the System Management Branch, AAL-530, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513-7587. Communications must identify the notice number of this NPRM. Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRM's should

also request a copy of Advisory Circular No. 11-2A which describes the application procedure.

#### The Proposal

The FAA is considering an amendment to part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) to establish Class E airspace for GPS instrument approach procedures to RWY 6 and RWY 24 at Atkasuk, AK. The status of Atkasuk Airport will change from VFR to IFR. The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. The Class E airspace areas designated as 700/1200 foot transition areas are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9D, dated September 4, 1996, and effective September 16, 1996, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 (61 FR 48403; September 13, 1996). The Class E airspace designation listed in this document would be published subsequently in the Order.

The FAA has determined that these proposed regulations only involve 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 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, will 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

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

#### **PART 71—[AMENDED]**

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR Part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959–1963 Comp., p. 389; 49 U.S.C. 106(g); 14 CFR 11.69.

#### **§ 71.1 [Amended]**

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of Federal Aviation

Administration Order 7400.9D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 4, 1996, and effective September 16, 1996, is amended as follows:

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*Paragraph 6005 Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth.*

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AAL AK E5 Atkasuk, AK [New]

Atkasuk Airport, AK  
(Lat. 70°28'02" N, long. 157°26'08" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.5-mile radius of the Atkasuk Airport.

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Issued in Anchorage, AK, on January 15, 1997.

Willis C. Nelson,

Manager, Air Traffic Division, Alaskan Region.

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#### **14 CFR Part 71**

**[Airspace Docket No. 96-AAL-28]**

#### **Proposed Revision of Class E Airspace; Selawik, AK**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This action revises Class E airspace at Selawik, AK. The development of a Global Positioning System (GPS) instrument approach to runway (RWY) 27 and recomputation of the Selawik Airport Reference Point (ARP) have made this action necessary. The area would be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference. The intended effect of this proposal is to provide adequate controlled airspace for Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at Selawik, AK.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 14, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Manager, System Management Branch, AAL-530, Docket No. 96-AAL-28, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513-7587.

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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 the airspace docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address listed above. Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this notice must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made:

“Comments to Airspace Docket No. 96-AAL-28.” 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 comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the System Management Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK, both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

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