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#### Subpart D—General Loan Policies for Banks and Associations

2. Sections 614.4280 and 614.4321 in subpart G are redesignated as §§ 614.4155 and 614.4160 in subpart D, and § 614.4155 is revised to read as follows:

##### § 614.4155 Interest rates.

Loans made by each bank and direct lender association shall bear interest at a rate or rates as may be determined by the institution board. The board shall set interest rates or approve individual interest rate changes either on a case-by-case basis or pursuant to an interest rate plan within which management may establish rates. Any interest rate plan shall set loan-pricing policies and objectives, provide guidance regarding the circumstances under which management may adjust rates, and provide the upper and lower limits on management authority. Any interest rate plan adopted shall be reviewed on a continuing basis by the board, as well as in conjunction with its review and approval of the institution's operational and strategic business plan.

#### Subpart G—Interest Rates and Charges

##### Subpart G [Removed and Reserved]

3. Subpart G, consisting of §§ 614.4270, 614.4281, 614.4290, 614.4300 and 614.4320, is removed and reserved.

Dated: December 16, 1997.

**Floyd Fithian,**

*Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 97-AGL-44]

#### Modification of Class E Airspace; Grand Rapids, MI

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action modifies Class E airspace at Grand Rapids, MI. An Instrument Landing System (ILS) Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP) to Runway 35 has been developed for Kent County International Airport. Controlled airspace extending upward from 700 to 1,200 feet above ground level (AGL) is needed to contain aircraft executing the approach. This action increases the radius of the existing Class E airspace.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 0901 UTC, February 26, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michelle M. Behm, Air Traffic Division, Airspace Branch, AGL-520, Federal Aviation Administration, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018, telephone (847) 294-7568.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### History

On Friday, September 19, 1997, the FAA proposed to amend 14 CFR part 71 to modify Class E airspace at Grand Rapids, MI (62 FR 49182). The proposal was to add controlled airspace extending upward from 700 to 1200 feet AGL to contain Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations in controlled airspace during portions of the terminal operation and while transiting between the enroute and terminal environments.

Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking proceeding by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments objecting to the proposal were received. Class E airspace designations extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9E, dated September 10, 1997, and effective September 16, 1997, 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.

#### The Rule

This amendment to 14 CFR part 71 modifies Class E airspace at Grand

Rapids, MI, to accommodate aircraft executing the ILS Runway 35 SIAP at Kent County International Airport by increasing the radius of the existing controlled airspace. Controlled airspace extending upward from 700 to 1200 feet AGL is needed to contain aircraft executing the approach. The area will be depicted on appropriate aeronautical charts.

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. Therefore, this regulation—(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 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).

#### 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, CLASS B, CLASS C, CLASS D, AND CLASS E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIRWAYS; ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

1. The authority citation for 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.

##### § 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 10, 1997, and effective September 16, 1997, 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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#### AGL MI E5 Grand Rapids, MI [Revised]

Kent County International Airport, MI  
(Lat. 42°52'58"N, long. 85°31'26"W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7.0-mile radius of the Kent County International Airport.

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Issued in Des Plaines, Illinois on November 24, 1997.

**David B. Johnson,**

*Acting Manager, Air Traffic Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

#### 30 CFR Part 901

[SPATS No. AL-067-FOR]

#### Alabama Regulatory Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), Interior.

**ACTION:** Final rule; approval of amendment.

**SUMMARY:** OSM is approving a proposed amendment to the Alabama regulatory program (hereinafter referred to as the "Alabama program") under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA). Alabama proposed revisions to the Alabama Surface Mining Commission Rules pertaining to hearing orders and decisions, license application requirements, procedures for permit application review, determination of bond forfeiture amount, surface and ground water monitoring, disposal of excess spoil, and coal mine waste. The amendment is intended to revise the Alabama program to provide additional safeguards, clarify ambiguities, and improve operational efficiency.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 22, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Arthur Abbs, Director, Birmingham Field Office, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 135 Gemini Circle, Suite 215, Homewood, Alabama 35209, Telephone: (205) 290-7282.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background on the Alabama Program
- II. Submission of the Proposed Amendment
- III. Director's Findings
- IV. Summary and Disposition of Comments
- V. Director's Decision
- VI. Procedural Determinations

#### I. Background on the Alabama Program

On May 20, 1982, the Secretary of the Interior conditionally approved the Alabama program. Background information on the Alabama program, including the Secretary's findings, the disposition of comments, and the conditions of approval can be found in the May 20, 1982, **Federal Register** (47 FR 22062). Subsequent actions concerning the conditions of approval and program amendments can be found at 30 CFR 901.15 and 901.16.

#### II. Submission of the Proposed Amendment

By letter dated March 28, 1997 (Administrative Record No. AL-0562), Alabama submitted a proposed amendment to its program pursuant to SMCRA. Alabama submitted the proposed amendment at its own initiative.

OSM announced receipt of the proposed amendment in the April 25, 1997, **Federal Register** (62 FR 20138), and in the same document opened the public comment period and provided an opportunity for a public hearing or meeting on the adequacy of the proposed amendment. The public comment period closed on May 27, 1997. Because no one requested a public hearing or meeting, none was held.

During its review of the amendment, OSM identified concerns relating to hearing orders and decisions (Rule 880-X-5A-.22), and placement of coal mine waste on refuse piles (Rules 880-X-10C-.40 and 880-X-10D-.36). OSM notified Alabama of these concerns by telephone and fax on June 16, 1997 (Administrative Record No. AL-0570).

By letter dated July 9, 1997 (Administrative Record No. AL-0560), Alabama responded to OSM's concerns regarding placement of coal mine waste on refuse piles by submitting additional explanatory information to its proposed program amendment. Regarding OSM's concerns on hearing orders and decisions, Alabama submitted an emergency rule, on July 30, 1997 (Administrative Record No. AL-0572), that changed the number of days in which hearing officers are to furnish written decisions on hearings from 60 days to 30 days. Based upon the additional explanatory information and/or revisions to the proposed program amendment submitted by Alabama, OSM reopened the public comment period in the October 17, 1997, **Federal Register** (62 FR 53996). The public comment period closed on November 3, 1997.

#### III. Director's Findings

Set forth below, pursuant to SMCRA and the Federal regulations at 30 CFR 732.15 and 732.17, are the Director's findings concerning the proposed amendment.

##### A. Nonsubstantive Revisions to the Alabama Program

Alabama proposed revisions to the following previously-approved rules that are nonsubstantive in nature and consist of minor editorial, punctuation, grammatical, and recodification changes:

Topic	State regulations	Federal counterpart regulations
Procedures for Permit Application Review .....	880-X-7B-.07(5) .....	30 CFR 761.12(e)(1)-(e)(3).
Determination of Forfeiture Amount .....	880-X-9E-.05(2) and (3) .....	30 CFR 800.50(d)(1) and (d)(2).
Hydrologic Ground Water Monitoring .....	880-X-10C-.23(2)(a) .....	30 CFR 816.41(e)(1).
Disposal of Excess Spoil .....	880-X-10C-.36(13)(b) and (b)(1) and (15)(B)(3).	30 CFR 816.71(i) and 816.74(h)(4).
Disposal of Excess Spoil and Underground Development Waste.	880-X-10D-.33(13)(b) and (b)(1) and (15)(b)(3).	30 CFR 817.71(i) and 817.74(h)(4).

Because Alabama's proposed revisions to these previously-approved rules are nonsubstantive in nature, the Director finds that the proposed revisions do not render Alabama's rules less effective than the Federal regulations.

##### B. Revisions to Alabama's Regulations That Are Not Substantively Identical to the Corresponding Provisions of the Federal Regulations Rules 880-X-10C-.40 and 880-X-10D-.36 Cost Mine Waste: Refuse Piles

At paragraphs (3)(a), Alabama proposed an exception to the

requirement that limits coal mine operators from spreading coal mine waste in layers thicker than 24 inches. If engineering data substantiates a minimum safety factor of 1.5 for the refuse pile, the State regulatory authority may approve layers exceeding 24 inches in thickness. The Federal