

proposal would not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this proposed regulation (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under the DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979); and (3) if promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. A copy of the draft regulatory evaluation prepared for this action is contained in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained by contacting the Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption ADDRESSES.

#### List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

#### The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) as follows:

### PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

#### § 39.13 [Amended]

2. Section 39.13 is amended by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

Allied Signal Inc. and Rajay Inc.: Docket No. 96-ANE-24.

**Applicability:** AlliedSignal Inc. oil scavenge pumps, Part Numbers (P/Ns) 101633-01 and -02 and Rajay oil scavenge pumps, P/Ns 1025-1 or -2, installed on Teledyne Continental Motors IO-470 and TSIO-520 series, and Textron Lycoming O-360, IO-360, and IO-540 series reciprocating engines. These engines are installed on but not limited to reciprocating engine powered aircraft manufactured by Aerostar Aircraft Corporation, Cessna, Curtiss-Wright Corporation (Travel Air), Helio Enterprises, Inc., The New Piper Aircraft Corporation, Revo Inc. (Lake), and Twin Commander.

**Note 1:** This airworthiness directive (AD) applies to each oil scavenge pump identified in the preceding applicability provision, regardless of whether it has been modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For oil scavenge pumps that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must request approval for an

alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (d) of this AD. The request should include an assessment of the effect of the modification, alteration, or repair on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD; and, if the unsafe condition has not been eliminated, the request should include specific proposed actions to address it.

**Compliance:** Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent oil scavenge pump snap ring failure causing severe wear on the pump end plate, which could result in loss of engine oil and subsequent engine shutdown, accomplish the following:

(a) Within 25 hours time in service (TIS) after the effective date of this AD, inspect oil scavenge pumps in accordance with the following instructions or Aerostar Aircraft Corporation Service Bulletin (SB) No. SB600-131, dated June 14, 1996.

(1) Remove the oil scavenge pump and inspect for security of the snap ring installation.

(2) Remove the snap ring and washer between the snap ring and bearing, and inspect the snap ring and washer for wear, consisting of thinning or bevelling at the inside diameter. If any wear visible to the naked eye is detected, replace with a serviceable snap ring and washer prior to further flight.

(3) Inspect the shaft groove for round wear on the spline side of the groove. If any wear visible to the naked eye is detected, replace with a serviceable shaft prior to further flight.

(4) If the snap ring is not in the shaft groove, disassemble the entire scavenge pump and inspect for internal damage prior to further flight. If any internal damage is found, replace the oil scavenge pump with a serviceable oil scavenge pump prior to further flight.

(b) Thereafter, at each 100-hour and annual inspection, perform repetitive inspections, and, if necessary, replace with serviceable parts, in accordance with paragraph (a) of this AD.

(c) Accomplishment of the procedures described in Aerostar Aircraft Corporation Service Bulletin No. SB600-131, dated June 14, 1996, constitutes an acceptable alternative method of compliance for the actions required by this AD.

(d) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office. The request should be forwarded through an appropriate FAA Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office.

**Note 2:** Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this airworthiness directive, if any, may be obtained from the Seattle Aircraft Certification Office.

(e) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the aircraft to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on February 4, 1997.

James C. Jones,

*Acting Manager, Engine and Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 96-NM-190-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

### Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Model DH 125-1A, -3A, and -400A Series Airplanes

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** This document proposes the adoption of a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to all Raytheon Model DH 125-1A, -3A, and -400A series airplanes. This proposal would require a one-time inspection to detect scoring of the upper fuselage skin around the periphery of the cockpit canopy blister interface, and repair, if necessary. This proposal is prompted by reports indicating that scoring of the upper fuselage skin had been detected in that area. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to detect and correct scoring of the upper fuselage skin around the periphery of the cockpit canopy blister interface, which could result in reduced structural integrity of the fuselage, and consequent cabin depressurization.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by March 31, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-103, Attention: Rules Docket No. 96-NM-190-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from Raytheon Aircraft Company, Commercial Service Department, P.O. Box 85, Wichita, Kansas 67201-0085. This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, Wichita Aircraft Certification Office, 1801 Airport Road, Room 100, Mid-Continent Airport, Wichita, Kansas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Larry Engler, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Branch, ACE-120W, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, Wichita Aircraft Certification Office, 1801 Airport Road, Room 100, Mid-Continent Airport, Wichita, Kansas 67209; telephone (316) 946-4122; fax (316) 946-4407.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Comments Invited**

Interested persons are invited to participate in the making of the proposed rule by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications shall identify the Rules Docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address specified above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments, specified above, will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposals contained in this notice may be changed in light of the comments received.

Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the proposed rule. All comments submitted will be available, both before and after the closing date for comments, in the Rules Docket for examination by interested persons. A report summarizing each FAA-public contact concerned with the substance of this proposal will be filed in the Rules Docket.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments submitted in response to this notice must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket Number 96-NM-190-AD." The postcard will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

**Availability of NPRMs**

Any person may obtain a copy of this NPRM by submitting a request to the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-103, Attention: Rules Docket No. 96-NM-190-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056.

**Discussion**

The FAA has received reports indicating that scoring of the upper fuselage skin around the periphery of the cockpit canopy blister interface has occurred on Raytheon Model DH 125-1A, -3A, and -400A series airplanes. Investigation revealed that the scoring was due to the use of sharp instruments to remove excess sealant during the four-year inspection cycle of the fuselage skin under the canopy blister. Use of sharp instruments to remove

excess sealant is contrary to the instructions contained in Chapter 20 of the Airplane Maintenance Manual (AMM). Scoring of the upper fuselage skin around the periphery of the cockpit canopy blister interface, if not corrected, could result in reduced structural integrity of the fuselage skin, and consequent cabin depressurization.

**Explanation of Relevant Service Information**

The FAA has reviewed and approved Raytheon Service Bulletin SB.53-93, dated May 16, 1996, which describes procedures for a one-time detailed visual inspection to detect scoring of the upper fuselage skin around the periphery of the cockpit canopy blister interface. The service bulletin also describes repair procedures for scoring that is within the specified limits.

**Explanation of Requirements of Proposed Rule**

Since an unsafe condition has been identified that is likely to exist or develop on other products of this same type design, the proposed AD would require a one-time detailed visual inspection to detect scoring of the upper fuselage skin around the periphery of the cockpit canopy blister interface, and repair, if necessary. The visual inspection and repair of scoring that is within certain limits would be required to be accomplished in accordance with the service bulletin described previously. Repair of scoring that is outside certain limits would be required to be accomplished in accordance with a method approved by the FAA.

**Cost Impact**

There are approximately 200 Model DH 125-1A, -3A, and -400A series airplanes of the affected design in the worldwide fleet. The FAA estimates that 115 airplanes of U.S. registry would be affected by this proposed AD, that it would take approximately 4 work hours per airplane to accomplish the proposed actions, and that the average labor rate is \$60 per work hour. Based on these figures, the cost impact of the proposed AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$27,600, or \$240 per airplane.

The cost impact figure discussed above is based on assumptions that no operator has yet accomplished any of the proposed requirements of this AD action, and that no operator would accomplish those actions in the future if this AD were not adopted.

**Regulatory Impact**

The regulations proposed herein would not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship

between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 12612, it is determined that this proposal would not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this proposed regulation (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under the DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979); and (3) if promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. A copy of the draft regulatory evaluation prepared for this action is contained in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained by contacting the Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption **ADDRESSES**.

**List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39**

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

**The Proposed Amendment**

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) as follows:

**PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES**

1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

**§ 39.13 [Amended]**

2. Section 39.13 is amended by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

Raytheon Aircraft Company (Formerly Beech, Raytheon Corporate Jets, British Aerospace, Hawker Siddeley, et al.): Docket 96-NM-190-AD.

*Applicability:* All Model DH 125-1A, -3A, and -400 series airplanes, certificated in any category.

Note 1: This AD applies to each airplane identified in the preceding applicability provision, regardless of whether it has been modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For airplanes that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (d) of this AD. The request should include an assessment of

the effect of the modification, alteration, or repair on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD; and, if the unsafe condition has not been eliminated, the request should include specific proposed actions to address it.

Note 2: Raytheon Model DH 125-1B, -3B, and -400B series airplanes are similar in design to the airplanes that are subject to the requirements of this AD and, therefore, also may be subject to the unsafe condition addressed by this AD. However, as of the effective date of this AD, those models are not type certificated for operation in the United States. Airworthiness authorities of countries in which the Model DH 125-1B, -3B, and -400B series airplanes are approved for operation should consider adopting corrective action, applicable to those models, that is similar to the corrective action required by this AD.

**Compliance:** Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To detect and correct scoring of the upper fuselage skin around the periphery of the cockpit canopy blister interface, which could result in reduced structural integrity of the fuselage skin, and consequent cabin depressurization; accomplish the following:

(a) Within 90 days after the effective date of this AD, perform a one-time detailed visual inspection to detect scoring of the upper fuselage skin around the periphery of the cockpit canopy blister interface, in accordance with Raytheon Service Bulletin SB.53-93, dated May 16, 1996.

(b) If no scoring is detected during the inspection required by paragraph (a) of this AD, no further action is required by this AD.

(c) If any scoring is detected during the inspection required by paragraph (a) of this AD, prior to further flight, determine the maximum location and details of each score, including the edge distance and material thickness, in accordance with Service Bulletin SB.53-93, dated May 16, 1996.

(1) If any scoring is found that is within the limits specified in the service bulletin, prior to further flight, repair in accordance with the service bulletin.

(2) If any scoring is found that is outside the limits specified in the service bulletin, prior to further flight, repair in accordance with a method approved by the Manager, Wichita Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA, Small Airplane Directorate.

(d) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Wichita ACO. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Wichita ACO.

Note 3: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Wichita ACO.

(e) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on February 13, 1997.

Darrell M. Pederson,  
*Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*  
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#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 95-ACE-17]

#### Proposed Alteration of Class E Airspace at Muscatine, IA

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration [FAA], DOT.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule, withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** This action withdraws the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) which proposed to change the Class E airspace area at Muscatine, IA. The NPRM is being withdrawn due to the delay in the installation of the Port City Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range/Distance Measuring Equipment (VOR/DME).

**DATES:** The proposed rule is withdrawn February 20, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathy Randolph, Operations Branch, ACE-530C, Federal Aviation Administration, 601 E. 12th St., Kansas City, MO 64106; telephone: (816) 426-3408.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### The Proposed Rule

On December 20, 1995 (60 FR 65601), a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was published in the Federal Register to change the Class E airspace at Muscatine, IA. The delay in obtaining the necessary equipment has resulted in delaying the installation and commissioning of the VOR/DME until late 1997 or early 1998.

##### Conclusion

In consideration of the aforementioned delay in installation and commissioning of the Port City VOR/DME, action is being taken to withdraw the proposed amendment of the Class E airspace area at Muscatine, IA. If necessary, a new NPRM will be prepared at a later date.

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

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

##### Withdrawal of Proposed Rule

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, Airspace Docket No. 95-ACE-17, as published in the Federal Register on December 20,

1995 (60 FR 65601), is hereby withdrawn.

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.

Issued in Kansas City, MO, on January 27, 1997.

Herman J. Lyons, Jr.,

*Manager, Air Traffic Division, Central Region.*  
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#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 96-ASW-21]

#### Proposed Revision of Class E Airspace; Silver City, NM

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This notice proposes to revise the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above ground level (AGL) at Silver City, NM. A new Global Positioning System (GPS) Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP) to Runway (RWY) 26 at Silver City-Grant County Airport has made this proposal necessary. The intended effect of this proposal is to provide adequate controlled airspace for aircraft executing the GPS SIAP to RWY 26 at Silver City, NM.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 21, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to Manager, Operations Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Docket No. 96-ASW-21, Forth Worth, TX 76193-0530. The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Forth Worth, TX, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the Operations Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, 1601 Meacham Boulevard, Forth Worth, TX.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Donald J. Day, Operations Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Forth Worth, TX 76193-0530; telephone (817) 222-5593.