

Executive Order 13132, because it would not have a substantial direct effect 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. Accordingly, the FAA has not consulted with state authorities prior to publication of this final rule.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this action (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) 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 final evaluation has been prepared for this action and it 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.

Adoption of the Amendment

■ Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 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 a new airworthiness directive to read as follows:

2003–10–01 General Electric Company:
Amendment 39–13144. Docket No. 2002–NE–24–AD.

Applicability: This airworthiness directive (AD) is applicable to General Electric Company CF6–6 series turbofan engines.

These engines are installed on, but not limited to McDonnell Douglas DC–10 series airplanes.

Note 1: This AD applies to each engine 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 engines 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 (e) 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: Compliance with this AD is required as indicated, unless already done.

To prevent cracks in high pressure turbine rotor (HPTR) rear shafts, which could result in uncontained engine failure and damage to the airplane, do the following:

(a) Remove from service HPTR rear shafts, part numbers (P/Ns) 9137M13G01/G02/G03, 9138M22G01/G02/G09/G10, 9138M25G02, and 9687M22G04/G07/G10 in accordance with Table 1 as follows:

TABLE 1.—HPTR REAR SHAFT REMOVAL SCHEDULE

If the rear shaft cycles-since-new (CSN) on the effective date of this AD are:	Then remove the rear shaft
(1) Fewer than 5,000 CSN	Before exceeding 8,950 CSN.
(2) 5,000 CSN or more, but fewer than 8,950 CSN	Within 3,950 additional cycles-in-service (CIS) from the effective date of this AD or before 11,550 CSN, whichever occurs earlier.
(3) 8,950 CSN or more	At next HPTR rear shaft piece part exposure, or within 2,600 additional CIS, whichever occurs earlier.

(b) After the effective date of this AD, do not install any HPTR rear shaft, P/Ns 9137M13G01/G02/G03, 9138M22G01/G02/G09/G10, 9138M25G02, or 9687M22G04/G07/G10, that has 8,950 or more CSN into an engine.

(c) Except as provided in paragraph (a) of this AD, this action establishes a new, cyclic life limit of 8,950 CSN for HPTR rear shaft P/Ns 9137M13G01/G02/G03, 9138M22G01/G02/G09/G10, 9138M25G02, and 9687M22G04/G07/G10 which is published in Chapter 05–11–03 of CF6–6 Engine Shop Manual, GEK 9266.

Definition

(d) For the purpose of this AD, HPTR rear shaft piece-part exposure is defined as complete disassembly of the rear shaft from the HPTR structure using the manufacturer's engine manual.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(e) 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, Engine Certification Office (ECO). Operators must submit their request through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who

may add comments and then send it to the Manager, ECO.

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

Special Flight Permits

(f) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with §§ 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 done.

Effective Date

(g) This amendment becomes effective on June 17, 2003.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on May 5, 2003.

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Manager, Engine and Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA–2002–13514; Airspace Docket No. 02–AWA–4]

RIN 2120–AA66

Establishment of Class C Airspace and Revocation of Class D Airspace, Fayetteville (Springdale), Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport; AR

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action establishes a Class C airspace area and revokes the existing Class D airspace area at the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport (XNA), Fayetteville (Springdale), AR. The FAA is taking this action due to the increase in aircraft operations at XNA and the potential for a midair collision between aircraft arriving and departing XNA and other aircraft operating close to the

existing Class D airspace area. The establishment of this Class C airspace area requires pilots to establish and maintain two-way radio communications with air traffic control (ATC) when operating in the Class C airspace area, and operate with an altitude encoding transponder while in and above the Class C airspace area. This action promotes the efficient use of airspace and reduces the risk of midair collision in the northwest Arkansas terminal area.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 0901 UTC, July 10, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Rohring, Airspace and Rules Division, ATA-400, Office of Air Traffic Airspace Management, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On January 27, 2003, the FAA proposed (68 FR 3837) to establish a Class C airspace area and revoke the existing Class D airspace area at XNA. The FAA proposed this action due to an increase in aircraft operations at XNA and a study indicating an increased potential for a midair collision in the XNA terminal area. With the current Class D airspace area, aircraft operating in the Northwest Arkansas terminal area may fly as close as 4.4 nautical miles from XNA without communicating with ATC. These aircraft are frequently operating at altitudes that may conflict with aircraft arriving or departing XNA. Establishing a Class C airspace area will reduce the potential for midair collisions and increase the level of safety in the Northwest Arkansas terminal area by requiring aircraft to establish and maintain 2-way radio communication with ATC when operating in the proposed Class C airspace area, and to operate with an altitude encoding transponder when in and above the proposed area. The study also identified the need for improved communications in the XNA terminal area. In response to that need, the FAA has taken action to install a remote transmitter and receiver (RTR) that will enable pilots to contact ATC prior to entering terminal airspace.

Discussion of Comment

In response to the notice of proposed rulemaking, the FAA received one comment. The Aircraft Owner's and Pilots Association did not oppose the proposed establishment of a Class C airspace area provided an RTR is installed to improve the ability of pilots

to communicate with ATC prior to entering the Class C airspace area. The FAA agrees that an RTR is needed and as stated above, has taken action to acquire and install an RTR that is scheduled to be operational on or before the effective date of this airspace action (barring any reduction of funding).

The Rule

This amendment to part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) establishes a Class C airspace area and revokes the existing Class D airspace area at XNA. The FAA is taking this action due to an increase in aircraft operations and an increased potential for a midair collision in the Northwest Arkansas terminal area. Establishing this Class C airspace area will require pilots to maintain two-way radio communications with ATC when operating in the Class C airspace area and to operate with an altitude encoding transponder while in or above the Class C airspace. Additionally, this Class C airspace area will promote the safe and efficient use of airspace, and reduce the risk of a midair collision in the Northwest Arkansas terminal area.

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 proposed action: (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 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.

The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. Class C airspace designations are published in paragraph 4000 of FAA Order 7400.9K, dated August 30, 2002, and effective September 16, 2002, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class C airspace designation listed in this document would be published subsequently in the order.

Regulatory Evaluation Summary

Changes to Federal regulations must undergo several economic analyses. First, Executive Order 12866 directs that each Federal agency shall propose or adopt a regulation only upon a reasoned

determination that the benefits of the intended regulation justify its costs. Second, the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 requires agencies to analyze the economic effect of regulatory changes on small entities. Third, the Office of Management and Budget directs agencies to assess the effect of regulatory changes on international trade. In conducting these analyses, the FAA has determined that this proposed rule is not "a significant regulatory action" as defined in the Executive Order and the Department of Transportation Regulatory Policies and Procedures. This final rule will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities, will not constitute a barrier to international trade, and does not contain any Federal intergovernmental or private sector mandate. These analyses, available in the docket, are summarized below.

The final rule will revoke the Class D airspace area currently surrounding the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport and will establish a Class C airspace area there. The FAA will incur costs of approximately \$500 in order to send a "Letter To Airmen" to pilots within a 50-mile radius of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport informing them of the airspace change. The FAA will not incur any other costs for air traffic control staffing, training, or equipment. Changes to sectional charts will occur during the chart cycle and will cause no additional costs beyond the normal update of the charts. Any public meeting and safety seminar will not result in costs to the aviation community because they will occur regardless of whether or not this rule becomes final. Aircraft owners and operators will incur minimal equipment costs to operate in the Class C airspace area. Most of the air traffic comes from a mix of air taxi and commuter aircraft. These aircraft should already have the necessary equipment to transition Class C airspace area.

The FAA contends that establishing the Class C airspace area surrounding the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport will increase the level of safety for the operations that occur at the airport. Therefore, the FAA has determined the final rule to be cost-beneficial.

Final Regulatory Flexibility Determination

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 establishes "as a principle of regulatory issuance that agencies shall endeavor, consistent with the objective of the rule and of applicable statutes, to fit regulatory and informational requirements to the scale of the

business, organizations, and governmental jurisdictions subject to regulation." To achieve that principal, the Act requires agencies to solicit and consider flexible regulatory proposals and to explain the rationale for their actions. The Act covers a wide-range of small entities, including small businesses, not-for-profit organizations and small governmental jurisdictions.

Agencies must perform a review to determine whether a proposed or final rule will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. If the determination is that it will, the agency must prepare a regulatory flexibility analysis (RFA) as described in the Act.

However, if an agency determines that a proposed or final rule is not expected to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities, section 605(b) of the 1980 act provides that the head of the agency may so certify and an RFA is not required. The certification must include a statement providing the factual basis for this determination, and the reasoning should be clear.

Most commercial and most general aviation (GA) operators who presently use the Northwest Arkansas Airport should be currently equipped to use the Class C airspace area. Though it is currently surrounded by Class D airspace, most of its air traffic comes from air taxi and commuter aircraft. These aircraft already have the necessary equipment to transition Class C airspace area. Those GA operators who currently transit the Northwest Arkansas terminal area without Mode C transponders can circumnavigate the Northwest Arkansas Class C airspace area at negligible cost, without significantly deviating from their regular flight paths. Accordingly, pursuant to the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 605(b), the Federal Aviation Administration has determined that this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

International Trade Impact Assessment

This final rule is a domestic airspace rulemaking and will not constitute a barrier to international trade, including the export of U.S. goods and services to foreign countries or the import of foreign goods and services into the United States.

Unfunded Mandates Assessment

Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (the Act), enacted as Public Law 104-4 on March 22, 1995, requires each Federal agency, to the extent permitted by law, to prepare a

written assessment of the effects of any Federal mandate in a proposed or final agency rule that may result in the expenditure of \$100 million or more (when adjusted annually for inflation) in any one year by State, local, and tribal governments in the aggregate, or by the private sector. Section 204(a) of the Act, 2 U.S.C. 1534(a), requires the Federal agency to develop an effective process to permit timely input by elected officers (or their designees) of State, local, and tribal governments on a proposed "significant intergovernmental mandate." A "significant intergovernmental mandate" under the Act is any provision in a Federal agency regulation that would impose an enforceable duty upon State, local, and tribal governments in the aggregate of \$100 million (adjusted annually for inflation) in any one year. Section 203 of the Act, 2 U.S.C. 1533, which supplements section 204(a), provides that, before establishing any regulatory requirements that might significantly or uniquely affect small governments, the agency shall have developed a plan, which, among other things, must provide for notice to potentially affected small governments, if any, and for a meaningful and timely opportunity for those small governments to provide input in the development of regulatory proposals.

This final rule does not contain any Federal intergovernmental or private sector mandates. Therefore, the requirements of Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 do not apply.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

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 FAA Order 7400.9K, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 30, 2002, and

effective September 16, 2002, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 4000—Subpart C—Class C Airspace

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ASW AR C Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport, AR [New]

Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport, AR (Lat. 36°16'55" N., long. 94°18'25" W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 5,300 feet MSL within a 5-mile radius of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport, excluding that airspace east of a line from lat. 36°21'06" N., long. 94°15'03" W.; to lat. 36°15'30" N., long. 94°12'28" W.; and that airspace extending upward from 2,500 feet MSL to and including 5,300 feet MSL within a 10-mile radius of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport excluding that airspace east of a line from lat. 36°26'53" N., long. 94°17'42" W.; to lat. 36°09'43" N., long. 94°09'49" W.; and that airspace extending upward from 2,900 feet MSL to and including 5,300 feet MSL within a 10-mile radius of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport beginning at lat. 36°26'53" N., long. 94°17'42" W.; thence clockwise on the 10-mile radius of the airport to lat. 36°09'43" N., long. 94°09'49" W.; thence to the point of beginning. This Class C airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Airport/Facility Directory.

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Paragraph 5000—Subpart D—Class D Airspace

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ASW AR D Fayetteville (Springdale), Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport, AR [Removed]

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2003-14463; Airspace Docket No. 03-ACE-16]

Modification of Class D Airspace; and Modification of Class E Airspace; Dubuque, IA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date

SUMMARY: This document confirms the effective date of the direct final rule