

Paragraph 5000 Class D airspace areas extending upward from the surface of the earth.

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AEA VA D Norfolk NAS, VA [Revised]

NAS Norfolk (Chambers), Norfolk, VA
(Lat. 36°56'15"N., long. 76°17'25"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to but not including 2,000 feet MSL within a 4.3-mile radius of NAS Norfolk (Chambers) excluding that airspace southeast of a line connecting the 4.3-mile radius of Norfolk NAS and the 5-mile radius of Norfolk International Airport.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 02-AEA-03]

Proposed Amendment to Class E Airspace; Philadelphia, PA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This action proposes to amend the Class E airspace area at Philadelphia, PA. The proliferation of airports within a thirty seven mile radius of Philadelphia International Airport with approved Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations and the resulting overlap of designated Class E-5 airspace has made this proposal necessary. The proposal would consolidate the Class E-5 airspace designations for twenty six airports and result in the recision of fourteen separate Class E-5 descriptions through separate rulemaking action. The area would be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 25, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Manager, Airspace Branch, AEA-520, Docket No. 02-AEA-03, Eastern Region, 1 Aviation Plaza, Jamaica, NY 11434-4809.

The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Regional Counsel, AEA-7, Eastern Region, 1 Aviation Plaza, Jamaica, NY 11434-4809. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours in the

Airspace Branch, AEA-520, Eastern Region, 1 Aviation Plaza, Jamaica, NY 11434-4809.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Francis T. Jordan, Jr., Airspace Specialist, Airspace Branch, AEA-520, Eastern Region, 1 Aviation Plaza, Jamaica, NY 11434-4809, telephone: (718) 553-4521.

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, 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 action must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made:

"Comments to Airspace Docket No. 02-AEA-03." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments 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 Rules Docket both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with the FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

Availability of NPRMs

Any person may obtain a copy of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) by submitting a request to the Office of the Regional Counsel, AEA-7, Eastern Region, 1 Aviation Plaza, Jamaica, NY 11434-4809. Communications must identify the docket number of this NPRM. Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRMs 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

amend the Class E airspace area at Philadelphia, PA. The proposal would consolidate the following Class E-5 airspace designations into the Philadelphia, PA designation: Philadelphia International Airport, PA; North Philadelphia Airport, PA; Wings Airfield, PA; Willow Grove NAS, PA; Rhone-Poulenc Rorer Collegeville Heliport, PA; Pennridge Airport, PA; Quakertown Airport, PA; Doylestown Airport, PA; Collegeville/Perkiomen Valley Airport, PA; Pottstown-Limerick Airport, PA; Pottstown Municipal Airport, PA; Brandywine Airport, PA; Toughkennamon/New Garden Airport, PA; Chester County G. O. Carlson Airport, PA; New Castle County Airport, DE; Summit Airpark, DE; Trenton Mercer Airport, NJ; South Jersey Regional Airport, NJ; Flying W Airport, NJ; Cross Keys Airport, NJ; Red Lion Airport, NJ; Camden County Airport, NJ; Hammonton Municipal Airport, NJ; Rudy's Airport, NJ; Kroelinger Airport, NJ; and Millville Municipal Airport, NJ. This action would result in the recision of fourteen Class E-5 designations under a separate docket. The affected airspace would subsequently be incorporated into the Philadelphia, PA description. The airspace will be defined to accommodate the approaches and contain IFR operations to and from those airports. This change would have no impact on aircraft operations since the type of airspace designation is not changing. Furthermore, the IFR approach procedures for the individual airports within the area would not be affected. Class E airspace designations for airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth are published in Paragraph 6005 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 E airspace designation listed in this document would be published subsequently in the Order.

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. Therefore, this proposed 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 would only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it

is certified that this proposed rule would not have 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. 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 Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9K, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 30, 2002, and effective September 16, 2002, is proposed to be 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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AEA PA E5 Philadelphia, PA [Revised]

Philadelphia International Airport
(Lat. 39°52'19" N., long. 75°14'28" W.)
Chester County G. O. Carlson Airport, PA
(Lat. 39°58'44" N., long. 75°51'56" W.)
New Castle County Airport, DE
(Lat. 39°40'43" N., long. 75°36'24" W.)
Summit Airpark, DE
(Lat. 39°31'13" N., long. 75°43'14" W.)
Millville Municipal Airport, NJ
(Lat. 39°22'05" N., long. 75°04'25" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 31-mile radius of Philadelphia International Airport extending clockwise from a 225° bearing to a 307° bearing from the airport and within a 37-mile radius of Philadelphia International Airport extending from a 307° bearing to a 053° bearing from the airport and within a 33-mile radius of Philadelphia International Airport extending from a 053° bearing to a 173° bearing from the airport and within a 10-mile radius of Philadelphia International Airport extending from a 173° bearing from the airport and within a 7-mile radius of Chester County G. O. Carlson Airport and within a 6.7-mile radius of New Castle County Airport and within a 8-mile radius of Summit Airpark and within a 6.5-mile radius of Millville Municipal Airport, excluding the airspace that coincides with the Wrightstown, NJ; Pittstown, NJ; Princeton, NJ; Reading, PA; and Allentown, PA Class E airspace areas.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

17 CFR Part 240

[Release Nos. 34–46685; IC–25773; File No. S7–39–02]

RIN 3235–AI67

Improper Influence on Conduct of Audits

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: As directed by Section 303(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, we are proposing rules to prohibit officers and directors of an issuer, and persons acting under the direction of an officer or director, from taking any action to fraudulently influence, coerce, manipulate or mislead the auditor of the issuer's financial statements for the purpose of rendering the financial statements materially misleading.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before November 25, 2002.

ADDRESSES: You should send three copies of your comments to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549–0609. You also may submit your comments electronically to the following address: rule-comments@sec.gov. Please use only one method of delivery. All comment letters should refer to File No. S7–39–02; this file number should be included in the subject line if you use electronic mail. Comment letters will be available for public inspection and copying at the Commission's Public Reference Room, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549–0102. We will post electronically-submitted comment letters on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov>). We do not edit personal identifying information, such as names or electronic mail addresses, from electronic submissions. Submit only information you wish to make publicly available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael J. Kigin, Associate Chief Accountant, or Robert E. Burns, Chief Counsel, at (202) 942–4400, Office of the Chief Accountant, or Fiona A. Philip, Senior Counsel, or David M. Estabrook,

Associate Chief Accountant, at (202) 942–4510, Division of Enforcement, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are proposing to redesignate rule 13b2–2 of Regulation 13B–2¹ as rule 13b2–2(a) and to add new rule 13b2–2(b).

I. Executive Summary

On July 30, 2002, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the “Act”)² was enacted. Section 303(a) of the Act states:

It shall be unlawful, in contravention of such rules or regulations as the Commission shall prescribe as necessary or appropriate in the public interest and for the protection of investors, for any officer or director of an issuer, or any other person acting under the direction thereof, to take any action to fraudulently influence, coerce, manipulate, or mislead any independent public or certified accountant engaged in the performance of an audit of the financial statements of that issuer for the purpose of rendering such financial statements materially misleading.

As mandated by the Act, the Commission is proposing rules to implement section 303(a).³ The proposed rules, in combination with the existing rules under Regulation 13B–2, are designed to ensure that management makes open and full disclosures to, and has honest discussions with, the auditor of the issuer's financial statements. These rules prohibit officers or directors of an issuer,⁴ or persons acting under

¹ 17 CFR 240.13b2–1 *et seq.*

² Pub. L. 107–204, 116 Stat. 745 (2002).

³ Section 303 of the Act states:

(a) RULES TO PROHIBIT.—It shall be unlawful, in contravention of such rules or regulations as the Commission shall prescribe as necessary or appropriate in the public interest and for the protection of investors, for any officer or director of an issuer, or any other person acting under the direction thereof, to take any action to fraudulently influence, coerce, manipulate, or mislead any independent public or certified accountant engaged in the performance of an audit of the financial statements of that issuer for the purpose of rendering such financial statements materially misleading.

(b) ENFORCEMENT.—In any civil proceeding, the Commission shall have exclusive authority to enforce this section and any rule or regulation issued under this section.

(c) NO PREEMPTION OF OTHER LAW.—The provisions of subsection (a) shall be in addition to, and shall not supersede or preempt, any other provision of law or any rule or regulation issued thereunder.

(d) DEADLINE FOR RULEMAKING.—The Commission shall “

(1) propose the rules or regulations required by this section, not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act; and

(2) issue final rules or regulations required by this section, not later than 270 days after that date of enactment.

⁴ The proposed rules would be included in Regulation 13B–2 under the Securities Exchange