

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2024-2333; Airspace Docket No. 24-AAL-111]

RIN 2120-AA66

Modification of Class E Airspace; Alaska, AK

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) DOT.

ACTION: Proposed rule; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The FAA is withdrawing the NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on November 7, 2024, which proposed to modify Class E airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface within a designated landmass and within 12 miles from a designated coastline associated with the state of Alaska. Additionally, this action proposed administrative amendments to update the airspace's existing Class E airspace legal description. These actions were to support lower altitude instrument flight rules (IFR) operations and enhance safety for aircraft utilizing IFR and visual flight rules (VFR) operations.

DATES: Effective as of 0901 UTC, November 25, 2024, the proposed rule published November 7, 2024 (89 FR 88182, November 7, 2024), is withdrawn.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Keith T. Adams, Federal Aviation Administration, Western Service Center, Operations Support Group, 2200 S 216th Street, Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone (206) 231-2428.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**History**

The FAA published a notice of proposed rulemaking in the **Federal Register** for Docket No. FAA-2024-2333 (89 FR 88182; November 7, 2024). The NPRM proposed to modify Class E airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface within a designated landmass and within 12 miles from a designated coastline associated with the state of Alaska. Additionally, this action proposed administrative amendments to update the airspace's existing Class E airspace legal description. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal. The FAA is withdrawing this NPRM to further explain the FAA's proposal and to provide additional information about the need for the change.

The Withdrawal

■ In consideration of the foregoing, the NPRM for Docket No. FAA-2024-2333 (89 FR 88182, November 7, 2024) FR Doc. 2024-25855 is hereby withdrawn.

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

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14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2024-2443; Airspace Docket No. 24-AWP-87]

RIN 2120-AA66

Modification of Class D Airspace; Torrance Airport, Torrance, CA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This action proposes to modify the Class D airspace at Torrance Airport, Torrance, CA. This action would more appropriately contain instrument flight rules (IFR) and visual flight rules (VFR) operations at the airport. Additionally, the airport's name and legal description should be amended to match the FAA's database. **DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 9, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by FAA Docket No. FAA-2024-2443 and Airspace Docket No. 24-AWP-87 using any of the following methods:
* *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to www.regulations.gov and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

* *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M-30; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12-140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

* *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

* *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Operations at (202) 493-2251.

Docket: Background documents or comments received may be read at www.regulations.gov at any time. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket or go to the Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FAA Order JO 7400.11J, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/. You may also contact the Rules and Regulations Group, Office of Policy, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8783.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Authority for This Rulemaking**

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of the airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it would modify the Class D airspace to support IFR and VFR operations at Torrance Airport, Torrance, CA.

Comments Invited

The FAA invites interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written comments, data, or views. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the proposal, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. To ensure the docket does not contain duplicate comments, commenters should submit only one time if comments are filed electronically, or commenters should send only one copy of written

comments if comments are filed in writing.

The FAA will file in the docket all comments it receives, as well as a report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerning this proposed rulemaking. Before acting on this proposal, the FAA will consider all comments it receives on or before the closing date for comments. The FAA will consider comments filed after the comment period has closed if it is possible to do so without incurring expense or delay. The FAA may change this proposal in light of the comments it receives.

Privacy: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at www.dot.gov/privacy.

Availability of Rulemaking Documents

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded through the internet at www.regulations.gov. Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA's web page at www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/airspace_amendments/.

You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Operations office (see **ADDRESSES** section for address, phone number, and hours of operations). An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the office at the Northwest Mountain Regional Office of the Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Organization, Western Service Center, Operations Support Group, 2200 S 216th Street, Des Moines, WA 98198.

Incorporation by Reference

Class D airspace designations are published in paragraph 5000 of FAA Order JO 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 on an annual basis. This document proposes to amend the current version of that order, FAA Order JO 7400.11J, dated July 31, 2024, and effective September 15, 2024. These updates would be published in the next update to FAA Order JO 7400.11. That order is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

FAA Order JO 7400.11J lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

Background

The current Class D airspace is inadequately sized to effectively contain IFR operations at the Torrance Airport. Modification is necessary to contain all IFR departure procedures until reaching the next adjacent controlled airspace while climbing to 700 feet above the surface. The Los Angeles Class E airspace area extending upward from 700 feet above the surface, and the Jack Northrop Field Class D airspace are the two adjacent controlled airspaces. The sections of the Torrance Airport's Class D that border the Los Angeles Class E airspace area does not fully contain IFR departures until reaching 700 feet above the surface. The lack of IFR containment is caused by rising terrain in the area. Additionally, Torrance Class D airspace does not fully contain aircraft conducting an IFR circling maneuver. The maximum allowable circling radius at the airport is 2.7 nautical miles, which is beyond the current Class D airspace lateral boundary.

The Proposal

The FAA is proposing an amendment to 14 CFR part 71 to modify the Class D airspace at Torrance Airport, Torrance, CA, to support containment of IFR operations.

The Class D airspace should be modified to within a 3-mile radius between the airport's 003° bearing clockwise to the 086° bearing, and within 1.9 miles northeast and 2.1 miles southwest of the airport's 124° bearing extending 4.2 miles southeast, and within 2.1 miles southwest and 2.2 miles northeast of the airport's 304° bearing extending 4.5 miles northwest, and within 4 miles northwest of the airport's 025° bearing extending 2.8 miles northeast. The proposed Class D airspace would extend upward from the surface up to and including 2,400 feet. This proposed rule-making action would accommodate IFR arrival operations descending from 1,000 feet above the surface and departing IFR operations until reaching 700 feet above the surface or the next adjacent controlled airspace.

Additionally, administrative amendments are required for Torrance Airport's legal descriptions. The airport's name should be amended from Torrance Airport to Zamperini Airport. The airport's reference point geographic coordinates should be amended from lat. 33°48'12" N, long. 118°20'22" W to lat. 33°48'12" N, long. 118°20'23" W. Lastly, the part-time language Class D

airspace should be updated to replace the outdated terms Notice to Airmen with Notice to Air Missions, and Airport/Facility Directory with Chart Supplement. The Los Angeles very high frequency omnidirectional range tactical air navigation (VORTAC) should be removed from the airport's legal description. The Los Angeles VORTAC and Zamperini Field's localizer are no longer needed for describing the airport's Class D airspace area boundaries. The Class D airspace description will be derived from the Zamperini Fields's airport reference point.

Regulatory Notices and Analyses

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. 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 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.

Environmental Review

This proposal will be subject to an environmental analysis in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures," prior to any FAA final regulatory action.

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—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

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

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 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 JO 7400.11], Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated July 31, 2024, and effective September 15, 2024, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 5000 Class D Airspace.

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AWP D Torrance, CA [Amended]

Zamperini Field, CA

(Lat. 33°48'12" N, long. 118°20'23" W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface up to and including 2,400 feet MSL within a 3-mile radius between the airport's 003° bearing clockwise to the 086° bearing, and within 1.9 miles northeast and 2.1 miles southwest of the airport's 124° bearing extending 4.2 miles southeast, and within 2.1 miles southwest and 2.2 miles northeast of the airport's 304° bearing extending 4.5 miles northwest, and within 4 miles northwest of the airport's 025° bearing extending 2.8 miles northeast. This Class D airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Air Missions. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R09-OAR-2024-0472; FRL-12322-01-R9]

Clean Data Determination and Proposed Approval of Base Year Emissions Inventory; California; Los Angeles-South Coast Air Basin; 189(d) Plan for the 2006 24-Hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to make a clean data determination (CDD) for the Los Angeles-South Coast Air Basin ("South Coast") air quality planning area in California based on our determination that the area is attaining the 2006 fine particle (PM_{2.5}) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). If we finalize this CDD, certain Clean Air Act (CAA)

requirements that apply to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD or "District") will be suspended for so long as the area continues to meet the 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS. The EPA is also proposing to approve a revision to California's state implementation plan (SIP) consisting of the 2018 base year emissions inventory for the South Coast PM_{2.5} nonattainment area, submitted by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) on December 29, 2020. We are taking comments on this proposal and plan to follow with a final action.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 26, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R09-OAR-2024-0472 at <https://www.regulations.gov>. For comments submitted at *Regulations.gov*, follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from *Regulations.gov*. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.*, on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, please contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. For the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>. If you need assistance in a language other than English or if you are a person with a disability who needs a reasonable accommodation at no cost to you, please contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ashley Graham, Geographic Strategies and Modeling Section (AIR-2-2), EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105; phone: (415) 972-3877; email: graham.ashleyr@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Throughout this document, "we," "us," and "our" refer to the EPA.

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I. Background**A. PM_{2.5} NAAQS**

Under section 109 of the CAA, the EPA has established NAAQS for certain pervasive air pollutants (referred to as "criteria pollutants") and conducts periodic reviews of the NAAQS to determine whether the EPA should revise or establish new NAAQS to protect public health.

The EPA first established annual and 24-hour NAAQS for PM_{2.5} on July 18, 1997.¹ The 24-hour primary and secondary standards were set at 65 µg/m³ based on the three-year average of the 98th percentile of 24-hour PM_{2.5} concentrations at each monitoring site within an area.² On September 21, 2006, the EPA strengthened the 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS to provide increased protection of public health, revising the level of the standard to 35 µg/m³.³ Since then, the EPA has also revised the level of the primary annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS, which is currently set at 9.0 µg/m³.⁴

The EPA established each of the PM_{2.5} NAAQS after considering substantial evidence from numerous health studies demonstrating that serious health effects are associated with exposures to PM_{2.5} concentrations above these levels. Epidemiological studies have shown statistically significant correlations

¹ 62 FR 38652.

² 40 CFR 50.7.

³ 71 FR 61144 (October 17, 2006) and 40 CFR 50.13. Unless otherwise noted, all references to the PM_{2.5} NAAQS in this document are to the 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS of 35 µg/m³, codified at 40 CFR 50.13.

⁴ In December 2012, the EPA announced its decision to revise the level of the primary annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS to 12.0 µg/m³ (78 FR 3086, January 15, 2013). On February 7, 2024, the EPA announced its decision to revise the level of the primary annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS once more to 9.0 µg/m³ (89 FR 16202, March 6, 2024).