### **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2022-0625; Airspace Docket No. 21-AEA-11]

RIN 2120-AA66

Proposed Establishment and Amendment of Area Navigation Routes; Northeastern United States

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking

(NPRM).

SUMMARY: This action proposes to establish 9 new High Altitude Area Navigation (RNAV) routes (Q-routes), and modify 12 existing Q-routes, in support of the Northeast Corridor Atlantic Coast Route (NEC ACR) Project. This proposal would improve the efficiency of the National Airspace System (NAS) by expanding the availability of RNAV routing and reducing the dependency on ground-based navigational systems.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 18, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on this proposal to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590; telephone: (800) 647–5527 or (202) 366–9826. You must identify FAA Docket No. FAA–2022–0625; Airspace Docket No. 21–AEA–11 at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments through the internet at https://www.regulations.gov.

FAA Order JO 7400.11F, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at httsp://www.faa.gov/air\_traffic/publications/. For further information, you can contact the Rules and Regulations Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267–8783.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Gallant, Rules and Regulations Group, Office of Policy, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267–8783.

### 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 expand the availability of RNAV routes in the NAS, increase airspace capacity, and reduce complexity in high air traffic volume areas.

### **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, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal.

Communications should identify both docket numbers (FAA Docket No. FAA–2022–0625; Airspace Docket No. 21–AEA–11) and be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Management Facility (see ADDRESSES section for address and phone number). You may also submit comments through the internet at https://www.regulations.gov.

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 FAA Docket No. FAA-2022-0625; Airspace Docket No. 21-AEA-11." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter.

All communications received on or before the specified comment closing date 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 public docket both before and after the comment closing date. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

# Availability of NPRM's

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded through the internet at https://www.regulations.gov.

Recently published rulemaking documents can also accessed through the FAA's web page at https://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 Office (see ADDRESSES section for address and phone number) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the office of the Eastern Service Center, Federal Aviation Administration, Room 210, 1701 Columbia Ave., College Park, GA 30337.

### Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference

This document proposes to amend FAA Order JO 7400.11F, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 10, 2021, and effective September 15, 2021. FAA Order JO 7400.11F is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this proposed rule. FAA Order JO 7400.11F lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

### **Background**

The Northeast Corridor Atlantic Coast Route (NEC ACR) project developed Performance Based Navigation (PBN) routes involving the Washington, Boston, New York, and Jacksonville Air Route Traffic Control Centers (ARTCC). The proposed routes would enable aircraft to travel from most locations along the east coast of the United States mainland between Maine and Charleston, SC. The proposed NEC ACR routes would also tie-in to the existing high altitude RNAV route structure enabling more efficient direct routings between the U.S. east coast and Caribbean area locations.

Additionally, the proposed Q-routes would support the strategy to transition the NAS from a ground-based navigation aid, and radar-based system, to a satellite-based PBN system.

## The Proposal

The FAA is proposing an amendment to Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 to establish 9 new Q-routes, and amend 12 existing Q-routes, in the northeastern United States to support the Northeast Corridor Atlantic Coast Route project. The proposed new routes would be designated: Q-101, Q-107, Q-111, Q-117, Q-131, Q-133, Q-167, Q-445, and Q-481. In addition,

amendments are proposed to the descriptions of the following existing routes: Q-22, Q-34, Q-60, Q-85, Q-87, Q-97, Q-99, Q-109, Q-113, Q-135, Q-409, and Q-419.

**Note:** The route descriptions of Q–97, Q–109, Q–167, and Q–445 include waypoints located over international waters. In those route descriptions, in place of a two-letter state abbreviation, either "OA," meaning "Offshore Atlantic," or "OG," meaning "Offshore Gulf of Mexico," is used.

The proposed new Q-routes are as follows:

*Q*–101: Q–101 would extend between the SKARP, NC, waypoint (WP), and the TUGGR, VA, WP.

*Q-107*: Q-107 would extend between the GARIC, NC, WP, and the HURTS, VA, WP.

Q-111: Q-111 would extend between the ZORDO, NC, WP, and the ALXEA, VA, WP.

Q-117: Q-117 would extend between the YLEEE, NC, WP, and the SAWED, VA. FIX.

*Q-131:* Q-131 would extend between the ZILLS, NC, WP, and the ZJAAY, MD, WP.

Q-133: Q-133 would extend between the CHIEZ, NC, WP, and the PONCT, NY, WP.

*Q*–167: Q167 would extend between the ZJAAY, MD, WP, and the SSOXS, MA. FIX.

*Q*–445: Q–445 would extend between the PAACK, NC, WP, and the KYSKY, NY, FIX.

*Q*–481: Q–481 would extend between the CONFR, MD, WP, and the Deer Park, NY (DPK), VHF Omnidirectional Range/ Distance Measuring Equipment (VOR/ DME).

The above proposed new Q-routes would provide high altitude RNAV routing options in the general area between North Carolina and New England.

The proposed Q-route amendments are as follows:

Q–22: Q–22 extends between the GUSTI, LA, FIX, and the FOXWOOD, CT, WP. This action would replace the Spartanburg, SC, (SPA) VHF Omnidirectional Range and Tactical Air Navigational System (VORTAC) with the BURGG, SC, WP. The following points would be removed from the route description because they do not denote a turn point or are not required to determine route alignment: NYBLK, NC, WP; MASHI, NC, WP; KIDDO, NC, WP; OMENS, VA, WP; UMBRE, VA, WP; SYFER, MD, WP; PYTHN, DE, WP; and LAURN, NY, FIX. The JOEPO, NJ, WP would be moved 0.64 nautical miles (NM) southeast of its current position as requested by air traffic control to improve traffic efficiency.

Q–34: Q–34 extends from the Texarkana, AR, (TXK) VORTAC to the Robbinsville, NJ, (RBV) VORTAC. This proposal would remove the following points from the route description: KONGO, KY, FIX; LOOSE, AR, WP; MATIE, AR, FIX; MEMFS, TN, WP; SWAPP, TN, FIX; GHATS, KY, FIX; FOUNT, KY, FIX; TONIO, KY, FIX; NEALS, WV, FIX; ASBUR, WV, FIX DUALY, MD, WP; and BIGRD, MD, WP. These points are not required in the route legal description because they do not affect the alignment of the route. The HITMN, TN, WP would be inserted after the Texarkana, AR, (TXK) VORTAC. The HULKK, NJ, WP would be moved 2.36 NM southeast of its current position as requested by air traffic control to improve air traffic efficiency.

Q-60: Q-60 extends between the Spartanburg, SC, (SPA) VORTAC, and the JAXSN, VA, FIX. This proposal would extend Q-60 northeast from the JAXSN, VA, FIX, to the HURTS, VA, WP. The Spartanburg VORTAC would be replaced by the BURGG, SC, WP. The BYJAC, NC, FIX, and the LOOEY, VA, WP, would be removed from the route because they do not denote a turn point.

Q-85: Q-85 extends between the LPERD, FL, WP, and the SMPRR, NC, WP. This proposal would further extend Q-85 from the SMPRR, NC, WP, northeast to the CRPLR, VA WP by adding the PBCUP, NC, WP, the MOXXY, NC, WP, and the CRPLR, VA, WP, after the SMPRR, NC, WP. As amended, Q-85 would extend between the LPERD, FL, WP, and the CRPLR, VA, WP.

Q-87: Q-87 extends between the PEAKY, FL, WP, and the LCAPE, SC, WP. This action route would extend Q-87 from the LCAPE, SC, WP, northeastward to the HURTS, VA, WP. The following points would be inserted after the LCAPE, SC, WP: ALWZZ, NC, WP; ASHEL, NC, WP; DADDS, NC, WP; NOWAE, NC, WP; RIDDN, VA, WP; GEARS, VA, WP; and HURTS, VA, WP. The amended route would extend between PEAKY, FL, and HURTS, VA.

Q-97: Q-97 extends between TOVAR, FL, WP, and the ELLDE, NC, WP. The route would be extended northeast of the ELLDE, NC, WP to the Presque Isle, ME, (PQI) VOR/DME. The following points would be inserted after the ELLDE, NC, WP: YEASO, NC, WP; PAACK, NC, WP; KOHLS, NC, WP; SAWED, VA, FIX; KALDA, VA, FIX; ZJAAY, MD, WP; DLAAY, MD, WP; BRIGS, NJ, FIX; HEADI, NJ, WP; SAILN, OA, WP; Calverton, NY, (CCC) VOR/DME; NTMEG, CT, WP; VENTE, MA, WP; BLENO, NH, WP; BEEKN, ME, WP; FRIAR, ME, FIX, and the Presque Isle,

ME, (PQI) VOR/DME. This change would provide RNAV routing from southern North Carolina to Maine.

Q-99: Q-99 extends between the KPASA, FL, WP, and the POLYY, NC, WP. Q-99 would be amended by extending the route northeastward from the POLYY, NC, WP to the HURLE, VA, WP. The following points would be inserted after the POLYY, NC, WP: RAANE, NC, WP; OGRAE, NC, WP; PEETT, NC, WP; SHIRY, VA, WP; UMBRE, VA, WP; GUART, VA, WP; and HURLE, VA, WP. As amended, Q-99 would extend between the KPASA, FL WP, and the HURLE, VA, WP.

Q-109: Q-109 extends between the KNOST, OG, WP, and the LAANA, NC, WP. This action would extend Q-109 northeastward from the LAANA, NC, WP, to the DFENC, NC, WP. The TINKK, NC, WP would be added between LAANA and DFENC. As amended, Q-109 would extend between the KNOST, OG, WP, and the DFENC, NC, WP.

Q-113: Q-113 extends between the RAYVO, SC, WP, and the SARKY, SC, WP. The route would be extended from the SARKY, SC, WP northeastward by adding the following WPs: MARCL, NC; AARNN, NC; and RIDDN, VA. As amended, Q-113 would extend between RAYVO, SC, and RIDDN, VA.

Q-135: Q-135 extends between the JROSS, SC, WP, and the RAPZZ, NC, WP. The route would be extended to the northeast of the RAPZZ, NC, WP by adding the ZORDO, NC, and the CUDLE, NC, WPs to the route. As amended, Q-135 would extend between the JROSS, SC, WP, and the CUDLE, NC, WP.

*Q*–409: Q–409 extends between the ENEME, GA, WP, and the MRPIT, NC, WP. Q-409 would remain as currently charted between the ENEME, GA, WP, and the MRPIT, NC, WP. The route would be extended to the northeast of the MRPIT WP by adding the following points: DEEEZ, NC, WP; GUILD, NC, WP; CRPLR, VA, WP; TRPOD, MD, WP; GNARO, DE, WP; VILLS, NJ, FIX; Coyle, NJ, (CYN) VORTAC; to the WHITE, NJ, FIX. As amended, Q-409 would extend between the ENEME, GA, WP, and the WHITE, NJ, WP. This would extend RNAV routing from southern North Carolina to New Jersey.

Q-419: Q-419 extends between the BROSS, MD, FIX and the Deer Park, NY, VOR/DME. This proposal would remove the MYFOO, DE, WP, and the NACYN, NJ, WP from the route description because they do not mark a turn point on the route. In addition, the HULKK, NJ, WP, would be moved 2.36 NM southeast of its current position as

requested by air traffic control to improve air traffic efficiency.

Full route descriptions of the proposed new and amended routes are listed in "The Proposed Amendment" section of this notice.

The proposed route changes in this notice would expand the availability of high altitude RNAV routing along the eastern seaboard of the U.S. The project is designed to increase airspace capacity and reduce complexity in high volume areas through the use of optimized routes through congested airspace.

RNAV routes are published in paragraph 2006 of FAA Order JO 7400.11F dated August 10, 2021 and effective September 15, 2021, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The RNAV routes listed in this document would be subsequently published in FAA Order JO 7400.11.

FAA Order JO 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

### **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 Department of Transportation (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 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 7400.11F, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 10, 2021, and effective September 15, 2021 is amended as follows:

Paragraph 2006 United States Area Navigation Routes

Q-22 GUSTI, LA to FOXWD, CT [Amended]				
GUSTI, LA	FIX	(Lat. 29°58′15.34" N, long. 092°54′35.29" W)		
OYSTY, LA	FIX	(Lat. 30°28′15.21″ N, long. 090°11′49.14″ W)		
ACMES, AL	WP	(Lat. 30°55′27.13″ N, long. 088°22′10.82″ W)		
CATLN, AL	FIX	(Lat. 31°18′26.03″ N, long. 087°34′47.75″ W)		
TWOUP, GA	WP	(Lat. 33°53′45.39" N, long. 083°49′08.39" W)		
BURGG, SC	WP	(Lat. 35°02′00.55" N, long. 081°55′36.86" W)		
BEARI, VA	WP	(Lat. 37°12′01.97″ N, long. 078°15′23.85″ W)		
BBOBO, VA	WP	(Lat. 37°41′33.79″ N, long. 077°07′57.59″ W)		
SHTGN, MD	WP	(Lat. 38°14′45.29″ N, long. 076°44′52.23″ W)		
DANGR, MD	WP	(Lat. 38°57′36.25″ N, long. 075°58′30.85″ W)		
BESSI, NJ	FIX	(Lat. 39°40'34.84" N, long. 075°06'44.53" W)		
JOEPO, NJ	WP	(Lat. 39°53′57.33″ N, long. 074°51′39.48″ W)		
BRAND, NJ	FIX	(Lat. 40°02'06.28" N, long. 074°44'09.50" W)		
Robbinsville, NJ (RBV)	VORTAC	(Lat. 40°12′08.65″ N, long. 074°29′42.09″ W)		
LLUND, NY	FIX	(Lat. 40°51′45.04″ N, long. 073°46′57.30″ W)		
BAYYS, CT	FIX	(Lat. 41°17′21.27″ N, long. 072°58′16.73″ W)		
FOXWD, CT	WP	(Lat. 41°48′21.66″ N, long. 071°48′07.03″ W)		
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Q-34 Texarkana, AR (TXK) to Robbinsville, NJ (RBV) [Amended]				
Texarkana, AR (TXK)	VORTAC	(Lat. 33°30′49.97″ N, long. 094°04′23.67″ W)		
HITMN, TN	WP	(Lat. 36°08′12.47″ N, long. 086°41′05.25″ W)		
SITTR, WV	WP	(Lat. 37°46′49.13″ N, long. 081°07′23.70″ W)		
DENNY, VA	FIX	(Lat. 37°52′00.15″ N, long. 079°44′13.75″ W)		
MAULS, VA	WP	(Lat. 37°52′49.36" N, long. 079°19′49.19" W)		
Gordonsville, VA (GVE)	VORTAC	(Lat. 38°00′48.96″ N, long. 078°09′10.90″ W)		
BOOYA, VA	WP	(Lat. 38°24′20.50″ N, long. 077°21′46.36″ W)		
PNGWN, NJ	WP	(Lat. 39°39′27.07″ N, long. 075°30′41.79″ W)		
HULKK, NJ	WP	(Lat. 39°58′08.70″ N, long. 074°57′15.95″ W)		
Robbinsville, NJ (RBV)	VORTAC	(Lat. 40°12′08.65″ N, long. 074°29′42.09″ W)		
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Q-60 BURGG, SC to HURTS, VA [Amended]				
BURGG, SC	WP	(Lat. 35°02′00.55″ N, long. 081°55′36.86″ W)		
EVING, NC	WP	(Lat. 36°05′21.65″ N, long. 079°53′56.38″ W)		
JAXSN, VA	FIX	(Lat. 36°42′38.22″ N, long. 078°47′23.31″ W)		
HURTS, VA	WP	(Lat. 37°27′41.87″ N, long. 076°57′17.75″ W)		
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Q-85 LPERD, FL to CRPLR, VA [Amended]				
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LPERD, FL	WP	(Lat. 30°36′09.18″ N, long. 081°16′52.16″ W)		
BEEGE, GA	WP	(Lat. 31°10′59.98″ N, long. 081°16′57.50″ W)		
GIPPL, GA	WP	(Lat. 31°22′53.96″ N, long. 081°09′53.70″ W)		

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ROYCO, GA
                                                                                       (Lat. 31°35′10.38" N, long. 081°02′22.45" W)
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IGARY, SC
                                                          WP
PELIE, SC
                                                                                       (Lat. 33°21'23.88" N, long. 079°44'43.43" W)
                                                          WP
BUMMA, SC
                                                                                       (Lat. 34°01′58.09″ N, long. 079°11′07.50″ W)
KAATT, NC
                                                                                       (Lat. 34°15'35.43" N, long. 078°59'42.38" W)
                                                                                       (Lat. 34°26'28.32" N, long. 078°50'31.80" W)
SMPRR, NC
                                                          WP
                                                                                       (Lat. 34°59′29.65″ N, long. 078°19′51.07″ W)
(Lat. 36°02′46.63″ N, long. 077°19′31.71″ W)
PBCUP, NC
                                                          WP
MOXXY, NO
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CRPLR, VA
                                                          WP
                                                                                       (Lat. 37°36'24.01" N, long. 076°09'57.67" W)
Q-87 PEAKY, FL to HURTS, VA [Amended]
                                                                                      (Lat. 24°35′23.72″ N, long. 081°08′53.91″ W) (Lat. 25°09′32.92″ N, long. 081°05′17.11″ W) (Lat. 26°24′54.27″ N, long. 080°57′11.40″ W) (Lat. 27°19′05.75″ N, long. 080°51′16.67″ W) (Lat. 27°49′36.54″ N, long. 080°57′04.27″ W) (Lat. 28°21′53.66″ N, long. 081°03′21.04″ W) (Lat. 28°54′56.68″ N, long. 081°17′40.13″ W) (Lat. 29°16′33.83″ N, long. 081°19′23.24″ W) (Lat. 30°08′04.41″ N, long. 081°22′26.25″ W) (Lat. 30°27′31.57″ N, long. 081°23′36.20″ W) (Lat. 31°15′08.15″ N, long. 081°23′36.20″ W)
PEAKY, FL
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GOPEY, FL
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GRIDS, FL
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TIRCO, FL
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MATLK, FL
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ONEWY, FL
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ZERBO, FL
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DUCEN, FL
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OVENP, FL
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FEMON, FL
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(Lat. 31°15'08.15" N, long. 081°26'08.18" W)

(Lat. 31°40'54.28" N, long. 081°12'07.99" W)

(Lat. 31°59'56.18" N, long. 081°01'41.91" W)

(Lat. 32°42'40.00" N, long. 080°37'38.00" W)
VIYAP, GA
                                                          FIX
SUSYQ, GA
                                                          WP
TAALN, GA
                                                          WP
JROSS, SC
                                                          WP
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RAYVO, SC
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HINTZ, SC
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                                                                                       (Lat. 34°10 11.02 N, 1011g. 0.75° 37′08.34″ W)
(Lat. 34°22′36.35″ N, long. 079°37′08.34″ W)
(Lat. 34°33′03.47″ N, long. 079°30′39.47″ W)
REDFH, SC
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LCAPE, SC
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                                                                                       (Lat. 34°35'03.47' N, long. 079°24'36.57" W)
(Lat. 34°42'02.90" N, long. 079°24'36.57" W)
(Lat. 35°25'43.32" N, long. 078°54'48.07" W)
ALWZZ, NC
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ASHEL, NC
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DADDS, NC
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NOWAE, NC
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                                                                                       (Lat. 36°47′21.19″ N, long. 077°45′50.29″ W)
(Lat. 37°06′07.23″ N, long. 077°23′24.43″ W)
RIDDN, VA
                                                          WP
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GEARS, VA
                                                                                       (Lat. 37°27'41.87" N, long. 076°57'17.75" W)
HURTS, VA
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Q-97 TOVAR, FL to Presque Isle, ME (PQI) [Amended]
TOVAR, FL
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                                                                                       (Lat. 26°33'05.09" N, long. 080°02'19.75" W)
                                                                                       (Lat. 27°43′40.20″ N, long. 080°30′03.59″ W)
(Lat. 28°41′29.90″ N, long. 080°52′04.30″ W)
EBAYY, FL
MALET, FL
                                                          WP
                                                         FIX
                                                                                       (Lat. 29°47'48.73" N, long. 080°32'02.88" W)
(Lat. 29°17'48.73" N, long. 081°08'02.88" W)
(Lat. 29°34'28.35" N, long. 081°07'25.26" W)
(Lat. 29°49'05.67" N, long. 081°07'20.74" W)
(Lat. 30°37'36.03" N, long. 081°04'26.44" W)
DEBRL, FL
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KENLL, FL
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PRMUS, FL
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WOPNR, OA
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(Lat. 31°15′02.60" N, long. 081°03′40.14" W)

(Lat. 32°31′08.63" N, long. 080°16′09.21" W)

(Lat. 33°40′36.61" N, long. 070°17′59.56" W)
JEVED, GA
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CAKET, SC
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ELMSZ, SC
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(Lat. 34°11′14.80″ N, long. 078°52′40.62″ W)
(Lat. 34°24′14.57″ N, long. 078°41′50.60″ W)
(Lat. 35°33′12.41″ N, long. 077°37′07.28″ W)
YURCK, NC
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ELLDE, NC
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YEASO, NC
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Q-107 GARIC, NC to HURTS, VA [New]
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ALINN, NC
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Q-117 YLEEE, NC to SAWED, VA [New]
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Q-131 ZILLS, NC to ZJAAY, MD [New]
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MGERK, DE
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LEEAH, NJ
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GUDLE, NG	WP	(Lat. 35°08′19.48″ N, long. 077°32′36.22″ W)	
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Q-167 ZJAAY, MD to SSOXS, M	AA [New]		
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PAJET, MD	WP	(Lat. 38°28′04.13″ N, long. 075°03′00.55″ W)	
CAANO, MD	WP	(Lat. 38°31′46.37″ N, long. 074°58′52.32″ W)	
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SPDEY, OA	WP	(Lat. 40°14′56.38″ N, long. 073°05′08.69″ W)	
RIFLE, NY	FIX	(Lat. 40°41′24.18" N, long. 072°34′54.89" W)	
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ALBOW, NY	WP	(Lat. 41°02'04.04" N, long. 071°58'30.69" W)	
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BUZRD, MA	WP	(Lat. 41°32′45.88" N, long. 070°57′50.69" W)	
SSOXS, MA	FIX	(Lat. 41°50′12.62″ N, long. 070°44′46.26″ W)	
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Q-409 ENEME, GA to WHITE,			
ENEME, GA	WP	(Lat. 30°42′12.09″ N, long. 082°26′09.31″ W)	
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SESUE, SC	WP	(Lat. 33°52′02.58″ N, long. 079°33′51.88″ W)	
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TRPOD, MD	WP	(Lat. 38°20′17.30″ N, long. 075°30′28.27″ W)	
GNARO, DE	WP	(Lat. 39°05′20.33″ N, long. 075°22′14.81″ W)	
VILLS, NJ	FIX	(Lat. 39°18′03.87″ N, long. 075°06′37.89″ W)	
Coyle, NJ (CYN)	VORTAC	(Lat. 39°49′02.42″ N, long. 074°25′53.85″ W)	
WHITE, NJ	FIX	(Lat. 40°00′24.32″ N, long. 074°15′04.61″ W)	
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BROSS, MD	FIX	(Lat. 39°11′28.40″ N, long. 075°52′49.88″ W)	
BSERK, NJ	WP	(Lat. 39°47′27.01″ N, long. 075°13′10.29″ W)	
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PAACK, NC	WP	(Lat. 35°55'40.26" N, long. 077°15'30.99" W)	
JAMIE, VA	FIX	(Lat. 37°36′20.58″ N, long. 075°57′48.81″ W)	
CONFR, MD	WP	(Lat. 38°16′10.90″ N, long. 075°24′32.98″ W)	
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WNSTN, NJ	WP	(Lat. 39°05′43.81″ N, long. 074°48′01.20″ W)	
AVALO, NJ	FIX	(Lat. 39°16′54.52″ N, long. 074°30′50.75″ W)	
BRIGS, NJ	FIX	(Lat. 39°31′24.72″ N, long. 074°08′19.67″ W)	
SHAUP, OA	WP	(Lat. 39°44′23.91″ N, long. 073°34′33.84″ W)	
VALCO, OA	WP	(Lat. 40°05′29.86″ N, long. 073°08′22.91″ W)	
KYSKY, NY	FIX	(Lat. 40°46′52.75″ N, long. 072°12′21.45″ W)	
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Q-481 CONFR, MD to Deer Park, NY (DPK) [New]			
CONFR, MD	WP	(Lat. 38°16′10.90″ N, long. 075°24′32.98″ W)	
MGERK, DE	WP	(Lat. 38°46′16.00″ N, long. 075°18′09.00″ W)	
LEEAH, NJ	FIX	(Lat. 39°15′39.27″ N, long. 074°57′11.01″ W)	
ZIGGI, NJ	FIX VOR/DME	(Lat. 40°03′07.01″ N, long. 074°00′49.34″ W)	
Deer Park, NY (DPK)	VOR/DME	(Lat. 40°47′30.30″ N, long. 073°18′13.17″ W)	

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **National Indian Gaming Commission**

## 25 CFR Part 571

RIN 3141-AA72

### **Audit Standards**

**AGENCY:** National Indian Gaming Commission, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) proposes to amend our Audit Standards regulations. The proposed rule will amend the regulations to eliminate the Commission waiver requirement for reviewed financial statements and allow all operations grossing less than \$2 million in the previous fiscal year to submit reviewed financial statements provided that the tribe or tribal gaming regulatory authority (TGRA) permits the gaming operation to submit reviewed financials. The proposed amendment to the rule will also create a third tier of financial reporting for charitable gaming operations with annual gross revenues of \$50,000 or less where, if permitted by the tribe, a charitable gaming operation may submit financial information on a monthly basis to the tribe or the TGRA and in turn, the tribe or TGRA provides an annual certification to the NIGC regarding the charitable gaming operation's compliance with the financial reporting. The proposed amendment also adds a provision clarifying that the submission of an adverse opinion does not satisfy the regulation's reporting requirements.

DATES: The agency must receive comments on or before July 1, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
  - Email: information@nigc.gov.
  - Fax: (202) 632-7066.
- Mail: National Indian Gaming Commission, 1849 C Street NW, MS 1621, Washington, DC 20240.
- Hand Delivery: National Indian Gaming Commission, 90 K Street NE, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20002,

between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. 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 providing the factual basis behind supporting the views and suggestions presented are particularly helpful in developing reasoned regulatory decisions on the proposal.

#### II. Background

The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA or Act), Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq., was signed into law on October 17, 1988. The Act establishes the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC or Commission) and sets out a comprehensive framework for the regulation of gaming on Indian lands. On January 22, 1993, the Commission promulgated Part 571.12 establishing audit standards for tribal gaming facilities. On July 27, 2009, the Commission amended the regulation to allow tribes with multiple facilities to consolidate their audit statements into one and to allow operations earning less than \$2 million in gross gaming revenue to file an abbreviated statement.

#### III. Development of the Proposed Rule

On June 9, 2021, the National Indian Gaming Commission sent a Notice of Consultation announcing that the Agency intended to consult on several topics, including proposed changes to the Audit standards. Prior to consultation, the Commission released proposed discussion drafts of the regulations for review. The proposed amendments to the Audit standards are designed to reduce the financial hurdles that small and charitable gaming operations face regarding the audit requirement. The Commission held two virtual consultation sessions in September and one virtual consultation in October of 2021 to receive tribal input on any proposed changes.

The Commission reviewed all comments received through consultation and now proposes these changes.

### IV. Regulatory Matters

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The proposed rule will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities as defined

under the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, et seq. Moreover, Indian tribes are not considered to be small entities for the purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

## Unfunded Mandate Reform Act

The Commission, as an independent regulatory agency, is exempt from compliance with the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act, 2 U.S.C. 1502(1); 2 U.S.C. 658(1).

#### **Takings**

In accordance with Executive Order 12630, the Commission has determined that the proposed rule does not have significant takings implications. A takings implication assessment is not required.

#### Civil Justice Reform

In accordance with Executive Order 12988, the Commission has determined that the proposed rule does not unduly burden the judicial system and meets the requirements of section 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of the Order.

### National Environmental Policy Act

The Commission has determined that the proposed rule does not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and that no detailed statement is required pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321, et seq.

### Paperwork Reduction Act

The information collection requirements contained in this proposed rule were previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) as required by 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq. and assigned OMB Control Number 3141-0003.

### Tribal Consultation

The National Indian Gaming Commission is committed to fulfilling its tribal consultation obligations whether directed by statute or administrative action such as Executive Order (E.O.) 13175 (Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments)—by adhering to the consultation framework described in its Consultation Policy published July 15, 2013. The NIGC's consultation policy specifies that it will consult with tribes on Commission Action with Tribal Implications, which is defined as: Any Commission regulation, rulemaking, policy, guidance, legislative proposal, or operational activity that may have a substantial direct effect on an Indian tribe on matters including, but not limited to the ability of an Indian tribe