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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 00-ANM-03]

#### **Proposed Revision of Class D and Class E Airspace, Great Falls International Airport, MT; Proposed Removal of Class D and Class E Airspace, Great Falls Malmstrom AFB, MT**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This proposal would amend the Great Falls International Airport Class D and E4 airspace areas and remove the Great Falls Malmstrom AFB Class D and E4 airspace areas. The reconfiguration of airspace is necessary due to the closure of the Malmstrom AFB. The realigned airspace will better serve the Great Falls International Airport, Great Falls, MT.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 14, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Manager, Airspace Branch, ANM-520, Federal Aviation Administration, Docket No. 00-ANM-03, 1601 Lind Avenue SW, Renton, Washington 98055-4056.

The official docket may be examined in the office of the Assistant Chief Counsel for the Northwest Mountain Region at the same address.

An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours in the office of the Manager, Air Traffic Division, Airspace Branch, at the address listed above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dennis Ripley, ANM-520.6, Federal Aviation Administration, Docket No. 00-ANM-03, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW, Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone number: (425) 227-2527.

#### **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, aeronautical, 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. 00-ANM-03." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter. All communications received on or before the specified closing date for comments will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this action may be changed in the light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination at the address listed above both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

##### **Availability of NPRM's**

Any person may obtain a copy of this NPRM by submitting a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, Airspace Branch, ANM-520, 1601 Lind Avenue SW, Renton, Washington 98055-4056. Communications must identify the docket number of this NPRM. Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRM's 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 Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations, part 71 (14 CFR part 71) by revising Class D and E4 airspace at Great Falls International Airport, Great Falls, MT, and removing Class D and E4 airspace at Malmstrom AFB, Great Falls, MT, in order to reconfigure airspace due to the closure of Malmstrom AFB. This amendment would provide revised airspace at Great Falls, MT, to better meet current airspace standards associated with established procedures at Great Falls International Airport. The FAA establishes airspace where necessary to contain aircraft transitioning between the terminal and

en route environments. The intended effect of this proposal is designed to provide for the safe and efficient use of the navigable airspace. This proposal would promote safe flight operations under Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) and Visual Flight Rules (VFR) at the Great Falls International Airport, Great Falls, MT, and between the terminal and en route transition stages.

The area would be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference. The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. Class D surface airspace areas and Class E airspace areas designated as an extension to a Class D surface airspace, are published in Paragraph 6004, respectively, of FAA Order 7400.9G dated September 1, 1999, and effective September 16, 1999, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 The Class D and 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 amendment 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 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.

##### **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, CLASS B, CLASS C, CLASS D, AND CLASS E AIRSPACE AREA; AIRWAYS; ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS**

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 the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9G, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 1, 1999, and effective September 16, 1999, is amended as follows:

*Paragraph 5000 General*

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**ANM MT D Great Falls International Airport, MT [Revised]**

Great Falls International Airport, MT  
(Lat. 47°28'55"N, long. 111°22'14"W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 6,200 feet MSL within a 5.5-mile radius of the Great Falls International Airport.

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**ANM MT D Great Falls Malmstrm AFB, MT [Removed]**

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*Paragraph 6004 Class E airspace areas designated as an extension to a Class D airspace area.*

**ANM MT E4 Great Falls International Airport, MT [Revised]**

Great Falls International Airport, MT  
(Lat. 47°28'55" N, long. 111°22'14" W)  
Great Falls VORTAC  
(Lat. 47°27'00" N, long. 111°24'44" W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface within 3.1 miles each side of the Great Falls VORTAC 225° radial extending from the 5.5-mile radius of Great Falls International Airport to 8.7 miles southwest of the VORTAC, and within 3.1 miles each side of the Great Falls VORTAC 045° radial extending from the 5.5-mile radius of the airport to 16.6 miles northeast of the VORTAC and that airspace upward from the surface within 4 miles each side of the 164 degree bearing from the Great Falls International Airport extending from the 5.5-mile radius to 13.4 miles south of the airport.

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**ANM MT E4 Great Falls Malmstrom AFB, MT [Removed]**

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Coast Guard****33 CFR Parts 100, 110, and 165**

**[CGD05-99-068]**

**RIN 2115-AA97, AA98, AE46, AE84**

**OPSAIL 2000, Port of Hampton Roads, VA**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard proposes to establish temporary regulations in the Port of Hampton Roads, Virginia for OPSAIL 2000 activities. This action is necessary to provide for the safety of life on navigable waters before, during, and after OPSAIL 2000 events. This action will restrict vessel traffic in portions of Chesapeake Bay, Hampton Roads, and the James and Elizabeth Rivers.

**DATES:** Comments and related material must reach the Coast Guard on or before April 14, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail comments and related material to the Port Operations Department (CGD05-99-068), Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Hampton Roads, 200 Granby Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23510, or deliver them to the 7th floor at the same address between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Port Operations Department of Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Hampton Roads maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments and materials received from the public as well as documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Hampton Roads between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lieutenant Commander S. Moody or Lieutenant K. Sniffen, Port Operations Department, Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Hampton Roads, (757) 441-6442.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Regulatory Information**

On September 30, 1999, we published an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking; request for comments (ANPRM) entitled OPSAIL 2000, Port of Hampton Roads, VA in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 52723). We received no letters commenting on our anticipated rulemaking. No public hearing was requested and none was held.

**Request for Comments**

The Coast Guard encourages you to participate in this rulemaking by submitting comments and related material. If you do so, please include your name and address, identify the docket number for this rulemaking (CGD05-99-068), indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. Please submit all comments and related material in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying. If you would like to know they reached us, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. We may change this proposed rule in view of them.

**Public Meeting**

We do not now plan to hold a public meeting. But you may submit a request for a meeting by writing to the Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Hampton Roads, at the address under **ADDRESSES**, explaining why one would be beneficial. If we determine that one would aid this rulemaking, we will hold one at a time and place announced by a later notice in the **Federal Register**.

**Background and Purpose**

OPSAIL 2000 Norfolk is sponsoring OPSAIL 2000 in the Port of Hampton Roads. Planned events in the Port of Hampton Roads include: the arrival of more than 200 Tall Ships and other vessels at Lynnhaven Anchorage on June 15 and 16, 2000; a Parade of Sail of approximately 200 Tall Ships and other vessels from that anchorage to Town Point Park, downtown Norfolk, on June 16, 2000; three fireworks displays adjacent to the Norfolk and Portsmouth seawalls on June 16, 17, and 18, 2000; and the scheduled departure of the majority of vessels on June 20, 2000. This event will substitute for the annual Harborfest, normally held on the first Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of June.

The Coast Guard anticipates 10,000 spectator craft for these events. Operators should expect significant vessel congestion along the parade route and viewing areas for the fireworks displays.

The purpose of these regulations is to promote maritime safety and protect participants and the boating public in the Port of Hampton Roads immediately prior to, during, and after the scheduled events. The regulations will establish a clear parade route for the participating vessels, establish no wake zones along