

used for the experimental test for the final exemption must have been from jet aircraft engines, which at this stage in the development and use of nickel-thoria components in engines was the only application. This is possibly the reason that the exemption specifies only jet aircraft engines. The M1A1 Battle Tank Engine AGT 1500 was not developed until after 1967. The M1A1 Battle Tank Engine AGT 1500 contains the same nickel-thoria alloy as is contained in the JT9D jet engine. The petitioner also has pointed out that the material in the M1A1 Battle Tank Engine AGT 1500 would produce the same results if put to the same experimental tests the Commission conducted in 1963–1967.

In support of its petition, Chromalloy asserts that the NRC considers that jet aircraft engine products are not intended for public use, and cites a **Federal Register** notice published by the Atomic Energy Commission on November 18, 1967 (32 FR 15872) as a basis for this assertion:

The Commission considers that finished aircraft engine parts containing nickel-thoria alloy are not products intended for use by the general public within the purview of § 150.15(a)(6) of 10 CFR Part 150, "Exemptions and Continued Regulatory Authority in Agreement States Under Section 274." Accordingly, the transfer of possession or control of such finished aircraft engine parts in Agreement States by the manufacturer, processor, or producer would not be regulated by the Commission.

Finally, the petitioner asserts that if the Commission does not view the presence of nickel-thoria in jet aircraft engines to be unsafe to the public, then the presence of nickel-thoria in tank engines should be reviewed in the same light because the public's exposure to battle tank engines is far less than the public's exposure to aircraft engines. Therefore, the petitioner believes that the exemption must apply to both the JT9D aircraft and the M1A1 AGT 1500 battle tank gas turbine engine.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of December, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**John C. Hoyle,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

[Notice 1997–17]

### 11 CFR Part 114

#### Qualified Nonprofit Corporations

**AGENCY:** Federal Election Commission.

**ACTION:** Rulemaking petition: notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** On November 17, 1997, the Commission received a Petition for Rulemaking from the James Madison Center for Free Speech urging the Commission to begin a rulemaking proceeding to conform portions of its regulations to a decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. These regulations set forth the scope of the exemption from the prohibition on corporate independent expenditures for a narrow class of non-profit ideological corporations. The petition is available for inspection in the Commission's Public Records Office.

**DATES:** Statements in support of or in opposition to the petition must be filed on or before January 23, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments should be addressed to Susan E. Propper, Assistant General Counsel, and must be submitted in either written or electronic form. Written comments should be sent to the Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20463. Faxed comments should be sent to (202) 219–3923, with printed copy follow up. Electronic mail comments should be sent to qncpetition@fec.gov. Commenters sending comments by electronic mail should include their full name and postal service address within the text of their comments. Electronic mail comments that do not contain the full name, electronic mail address and postal service address of the commenter will not be considered.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Susan E. Propper, Assistant General Counsel, or Paul Sanford, Staff Attorney, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463, (202) 219–3690 or (800) 424–9530.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On November 17, 1997, the Commission received a Petition for Rulemaking from the James Madison Center for Free Speech requesting that the Commission institute a rulemaking proceeding to conform its regulations at 11 CFR 114.10 to the decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in *Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life v. Federal Election Commission*, 113 F.3d 129 (8th Cir. 1997). These regulations describe a category of nonprofit corporations that are exempt from the prohibition on independent expenditures in 2 U.S.C. § 441b. See also 11 CFR 114.2.

Copies of the petition are available for public inspection in the Commission's Public Records Office, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20463, Monday through Friday between the hours of

9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Copies of the petition can also be obtained at any time of the day and week from the Commission's home page at [www.fec.gov](http://www.fec.gov), or from the Commission's FAXline service. To obtain copies of the petition from FAXline, dial (202) 501–3413 and follow the FAXline service instructions. Request document #233 to receive the petition.

Members of the public are invited to comment on the petition. All statements in support of or in opposition to the petition should be addressed to Susan E. Propper, Assistant General Counsel, and must be submitted in either written or electronic form. Written comments should be sent to the Commission's postal service address: Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20463. Faxed comments should be sent to (202) 219–3923. Commenters submitting faxed comments should also submit a printed copy to the Commission's postal service address to ensure legibility. Comments may also be sent by electronic mail to [qncpetition@fec.gov](mailto:qncpetition@fec.gov). Commenters sending comments by electronic mail should include their full name, electronic mail address and postal service address within the text of their comments. Electronic mail comments that do not contain the full name, electronic mail address and postal service address of the commenter will not be considered. All comments, regardless of form, must be submitted by January 23, 1998.

Consideration of the merits of the petition will be deferred until the close of the comment period. If the Commission decides that the petition has merit, it may begin a rulemaking proceeding. Any subsequent action taken by the Commission will be announced in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 5, 1997.

**John Warren McGarry,**

*Chairman, Federal Election Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 97–AEA–44]

#### Proposed Amendment to Class E Airspace; Ravenswood, WV

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This notice proposes to amend the Class E airspace area at Ravenswood, WV. The development of new Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAP) based on the Global Positioning System (GPS) at Jackson County Airport has made this proposal necessary. Additional controlled airspace extending upward from 700 feet Above Ground Level (AGL) is needed to accommodate the SIAPs and for Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at the airport.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 9, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Manager, Airspace Branch, AEA-520, Docket No. 97-AEA-44, F.A.A. Eastern Region, Federal Building #111, John F. Kennedy Int'l Airport, Jamaica, NY 11430.

The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Regional Counsel, AEA-7, F.A.A. Eastern Region, Federal Building #111, John F. Kennedy International Airport, Jamaica, New York 11430.

An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours in the Airspace Branch, AEA-520, F.A.A. Eastern Region, Federal Building #111, John F. Kennedy International Airport, Jamaica, NY 11430.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Francis T. Jordan, Jr., Airspace Specialist, Airspace Branch, AEA-520, F.A.A. Eastern Region, Federal Building #111, John F. Kennedy International Airport, Jamaica, New York 11430; 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 notice must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Airspace Docket No. 97-AEA-44." 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 notice 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, F.A.A. Eastern Region, Federal Building #111, John F. Kennedy International Airport, Jamaica, NY 11430. Communications must identify the notice 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 14 CFR part 71 to amend the Class E airspace area at Ravenswood, WV. A GPS Runway (RWY) 22 SIAP, and a GPS RWY 4 SIAP have been developed for the Jackson County Airport. Additional controlled airspace extending upward from 700 feet AGL is needed to accommodate the SIAPs and for IFR operations at the airport. Class E airspace designations for airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface are published in Paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9E, dated September 10, 1997, and effective September 16, 1997, 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 Part 71 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 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 7400.9E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 10, 1997, and effective September 16, 1997, is 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 WV E5 Ravenswood, WV [Revised]

Jackson County Airport, Ravenswood, WV (lat. 38°55'47"N., long. 81°49'10"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 11-mile radius of Jackson County Airport, excluding that portion that coincides with the Point Pleasant, WV, and Gallipolis, OH, Class E airspace areas.

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Issued in Jamaica, New York, on November 19, 1997.

**James K. Buckles,**

*Acting Manager, Air Traffic Division, Eastern Region.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

##### Federal Aviation Administration

##### 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 97-AGL-51]

##### Proposed Establishment of Class E Airspace; Friendship (Adams), WI

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This notice proposes to establish Class E airspace at Friendship