

and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 73

Airspace, Navigation (air).

Adoption of the Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 73, as follows:

PART 73—SPECIAL USE AIRSPACE

1. The authority citation for part 73 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.

§ 73.40 [Amended]

2. Section 73.40 is amended as follows:

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R-4007A Patuxent River, MD [Removed]

R-4007 Patuxent River, MD [New]

Boundaries. Beginning at lat. 38°21'00" N., long. 76°13'59" W.; to lat. 38°11'10" N., long. 76°25'09" W.; to lat. 38°05'10" N., long. 76°34'04" W.; to lat. 38°15'00" N., long. 76°36'34" W.; to lat. 38°17'25" N., long. 76°32'59" W.; to lat. 38°25'40" N., long. 76°23'34" W.; to the point of beginning.

Designated Altitudes: Surface to but not including 5,000 feet MSL.

Time of designation: 0700–2300 local time, daily; other times as specified by NOTAM.

Controlling agency: FAA, Washington ARTCC. Using agency. Commanding Officer, NAS Patuxent River, MD.

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Reginald C. Matthews,

Acting Program Director for Air Traffic Airspace Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 73

[Airspace Docket No. 97–ASO–24]

RIN 2120–AA66

Change Controlling Agency for Restricted Area R-5301, Albemarle Sound, NC; and Restricted Areas R-5302A, R-5302B, and R-5302C, Harvey Point, NC

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action changes the designated controlling agency for Restricted Areas R-5301, R-5302A, R-5302B, and R-5302C from “Norfolk Airport Traffic Control Tower (ATCT)” to “Washington Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC).” This action is being taken due to the improved radar coverage at Washington ARTCC in the vicinity of these restricted areas.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 0901 UTC, February 26, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Gallant, Airspace and Rules Division, ATA-400, Office of Air Traffic Airspace Management, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267–8783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Due to the addition of the Oceana long-range system, Washington ARTCC now has improved radar coverage in the vicinity of Restricted Areas R-5301, R-5302A, R-5302B, and R-5302C. Consequently, Washington ARTCC has better capabilities for performing the function of controlling agency for those areas.

The Rule

This amendment to 14 CFR part 73 changes the designated controlling agency for R-5301, Albemarle Sound, NC, and R-5302A, R-5302B, and R-5302C, Harvey Point, NC, from “FAA, Norfolk ATCT, Norfolk, VA,” to “FAA, Washington ARTCC.” There are no changes to the boundaries, altitudes, time of designation, or activities conducted within the restricted areas.

Since this action simply changes the controlling agency for the existing restricted areas, and does not involve a change in the dimensions or operating requirements of the restricted areas, the FAA finds that notice and public procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) are unnecessary.

Section 73.53 of part 73 was republished in FAA Order 7400.8E, dated November 7, 1997.

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. Therefore, this 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 will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule 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 action is a minor administrative change amending the published designation of the controlling agency for existing Restricted Areas R-5301, R-5302A, R-5302B, and R-5302C. There are no changes to air traffic control procedures or routes as a result of this action. Therefore, this action is not subject to environmental assessments and procedures under FAA Order 1050.1D, “Policies and Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts,” and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 73

Airspace, Navigation (air).

Adoption of the Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 73, as follows:

PART 73—SPECIAL USE AIRSPACE

1. The authority citation for part 73 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.

§ 73.53 [Amended]

2. § 73.53 is amended as follows:

R-5301 Albemarle Sound, NC [Amended]

By removing the words “Controlling agency. FAA, Norfolk ATCT, Norfolk, VA,” and substituting the words “Controlling agency. FAA, Washington ARTCC.”

R-5302A Harvey Point, NC [Amended]

By removing the words “Controlling agency. FAA, Norfolk ATCT, Norfolk, VA,” and substituting the words “Controlling agency. FAA, Washington ARTCC.”

R-5302B Harvey Point, NC [Amended]

By removing the words “Controlling agency. FAA, Norfolk ATCT, Norfolk, VA,” and substituting the words “Controlling agency. FAA, Washington ARTCC.”

R-5302C Harvey Point, NC [Amended]

By removing the words “Controlling agency. FAA, Norfolk ATCT, Norfolk, VA,” and substituting the words “Controlling agency. FAA, Washington ARTCC.”

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Reginald C. Matthews,

*Acting Program Director for Air Traffic
Airspace Management.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 95

[Docket No. 29079; Amdt. No. 405]

IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments

AGENCY: Federal Aviation
Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts miscellaneous amendments to the required IFR (instrument flight rules) altitudes and changeover points for certain Federal airways, jet routes, or direct routes for which a minimum or maximum en route authorized IFR altitude is prescribed. This regulatory action is needed because of changes occurring in the National Airspace System. These changes are designed to provide for the safe and efficient use of the navigable airspace under instrument conditions in the affected areas.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 0901 UTC, November 6, 1997.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This amendment to part 95 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 95) amends, suspends, or revokes IFR altitudes governing the operation of all aircraft in flight over a specified route or any portion of that route, as well as the changeover points (COPs) for Federal airways, jet routes, or direct routes as prescribed in part 95.

The Rule

The specified IFR altitudes, when used in conjunction with the prescribed changeover points for those routes, ensure navigation aid coverage that is adequate for safe flight operations and free of frequency interference. The reasons and circumstances that create the need for this amendment involve matters of flight safety and operational efficiency in the National Airspace System, are related to published aeronautical charts that are essential to the user, and provide for the safe and efficient use of the navigable airspace. In addition, those various reasons or circumstances require making this amendment effective before the next scheduled charting and publication date of the flight information to assure its timely availability to the user. The effective date of this amendment reflects those considerations. In view of the close and immediate relationship between these regulatory changes and safety in air commerce, I find that notice and public procedure before adopting this amendment are impracticable and contrary to the public interest and that good cause exists for making the amendment effective in less than 30

days. The FAA has determined that this 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. For the same reason, the FAA certifies that this amendment 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 95

Airspace, Navigation (air).

Issued in Washington, DC on October 10, 1997.

Thomas E. Stuckey,

Acting Director, Flight Standards Service.

Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, part 95 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 95) is amended as follows effective at 0901 UTC, November 6, 1997.

1. The authority citation for part 95 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40106, 40113, 40114, 40120, 44502, 44514, 44719, 44721.

2. Part 95 is amended to read as follows:

REVISIONS TO MINIMUM ENROUTE IFR ALTITUDES AND CHANGEOVER POINTS

[Amendment 405 Effective Date, November 6, 1997]

From	To	MEA
§ 95.1001 Direct Routes-U.S.		
§ 95.6009 VOR Federal Airway 9 is Amended to Read in Part		
Sidon, MS VORTAC	Marvell, AR VOR/DME	2100
Marvell, AR VOR/DME	Gilmore, AR VOR/DME	1900
§ 95.6016 VOR Federal Airway 16 is Amended to Read in Part		
Pine Bluff, AR VOR/DME	Marvell, AR VOR/DME	1900
Marvell, AR VOR/DME	Holly Springs, MS VORTAC	2200
§ 95.6054 VOR Federal Airway 54 is Amended to Read in Part		
Little Rock, AR VORTAC	Marvell, AR VOR/DME	1900
Marvell, AR VOR/DME	Holly Springs, MS VORTAC	2200
§ 95.6116 VOR Federal Airway 116 is Amended to Read in Part		
Macon, MO VOR/DME	Quincy, IL VORTAC	* 2700