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**Note 3:** The subject of this AD is addressed in Swiss AD HB 97-440, dated November 20, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 97-ASW-27]

#### Proposed Revision of Class E Airspace; Alice, TX

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This notice proposes to revise the Class E airspace at Alice, TX. The development of a Global Positioning System (GPS) Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP) to runway (RWY) 16 and 34 at Old Hoppe Place Airport, Agua Dulce, TX, has made this rule necessary. This action is intended to provide adequate controlled airspace extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface for Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at Old Hoppe Place Airport, Agua Dulce, TX.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 23, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to Manager, Airspace Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Docket No. 97-ASW-27, Fort Worth, TX 76193-0520. The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, Federal Aviation Administration, 2601 Meachum Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the Airspace Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, 2601 Meachum Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Donald J. Day, Airspace Branch, Air

Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Fort Worth, TX, 76193-0520; telephone (817) 222-5593.

#### 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 under the caption **ADDRESSES**. Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this notice must submit, with those comments, a self-addressed, stamped, postcard containing the following statement: "Comments to Airspace Docket No. 97-AWS-27." The postcard will be date and 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 notice may be changed in the light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, Federal Aviation Administration, 2601 Meachum Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX, 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 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) by submitting a request to the Operations Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Fort Worth, TX 76193-0520. Communications must identify the notice 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 that describes the application procedure.

##### The Proposal

The FAA is considering an amendment to 14 CFR part 71 to revise the Class E airspace at Alice, TX. The

development of a GPS SIAP to RWY 16 and 34 at Old Hoppe Place Airport, Agua Dulce, TX, has made this rule necessary. This action is intended to provide adequate controlled airspace extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface for IFR operations at Old Hoppe Place Airport, Agua Dulce, TX.

The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. Designated Class E airspace areas 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 that need frequent and routine amendments 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 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 AREAS; 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 7400.9E, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, dated September 19, 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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#### **ASW TX E5 Alice, TX (Revised)**

Alice International Airport, TX  
(Lat. 27°44'27" N., long. 98°01'38" W.)

Orange Grove NALF, TX  
(Lat. 27°54'04" N., long. 98°03'06" W.)

Navy Orange Grove TACAN  
(Lat. 27°53'43" N., long. 98°02'33" W.)

Kingsville, Kleberg County Airport, TX  
(Lat. 27°33'03" N., long. 98°01'51" W.)

Agua Dulce, Old Hoppe Place Airport, TX  
(Lat. 27°48'01" N., long. 97°51'04" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7.5-mile radius of Alice International Airport and within 2 miles each side of the 135° bearing from the airport extending from the 7.5-mile radius to 9.8 miles southeast of the airport and within a 7.2-mile radius of Orange Grove NALF and within 1.6 miles each side of the 129° radial of the Navy Orange Grove TACAN extending from the 7.2-mile radius to 11.7 miles southeast of the airport and within 1.5 miles each side of the 320° radial of the Navy Orange Grove TACAN extending from the 7.2-mile radius to 9.7 miles northwest of the airport and within a 6.5-mile radius of Kleberg County Airport and within a 6.3-mile radius of Old Hoppe Place Airport excluding that airspace within the Corpus Christi, TX, Class E airspace area.

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

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## **RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**

### **20 CFR Part 209**

#### **RIN 3220-AB21**

#### **Railroad Employers' Reports and Responsibilities**

**AGENCY:** Railroad Retirement Board.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Railroad Retirement Board proposes to amend its regulations to expand the methods by which compensation and service reports may be filed with the Board and to require that a social security account number be furnished for each employee for whom creditable railroad service and compensation is reported to the Board.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before March 23, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Secretary to the Board, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas W. Sadler, Senior Attorney, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, (312) 751-4513, TDD (312) 751-4701.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Employer reports are used to establish employee compensation and service records. These reports are based on payroll records. Due to changes in technology, employers now file their reports on magnetic tape and diskettes and transmit their reports by facsimile or computer-to-computer transmission (electronic filing). The punch card referred to in §§ 209.6, 209.7, 209.11, and 209.14 of the Board's regulations is an outdated medium of reporting. The quarterly report required by § 209.8 has been eliminated by the Employer Data Maintenance System. The Board proposes to amend part 209 of its regulations in order to reflect these changes. See proposed § 209.4.

The Board also proposes to amend § 209.2 to add a provision that requires each employer to furnish a social security number (SSN) for each employee for whom creditable railroad service and compensation is reported to the Board. The proposed amendment simply puts into regulation a current reporting requirement. Although not required, employers are encouraged to validate the social security numbers of their employees. In addition, the Board proposes to modify the present § 209.11 to provide that the Board shall mail annual certificates of service and compensation to employees performing service for covered employers. Under present regulation these certificates may be provided through the employer.

Finally, the Board has eliminated references to offices and titles that were eliminated as the result of a recent reorganization.

Proposed § 209.12 contains information collection requirements. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507(d)), the RRB has submitted a copy of this section to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its review.

#### **Collection of Information**

Employee home address report. This proposed rule would require all railroad employers to furnish to the RRB home addresses of their employees, except that after the first year in which they submitted home address information for all their employees, they would be required to submit home address information only for new hires. The

purpose of this requirement is to enable the RRB to annually mail to each active railroad employee a statement of service and compensation (Form BA-6). Railroad employers may submit this information either electronically (magnetic tape, tape cartridge, or PC diskette) or on a paper form prescribed by the RRB (Form BA-6a).

The RRB estimates that the average time for each railroad employer to furnish home address information is 15 minutes for electronic submissions and 30 minutes for paper submissions. The annual burden imposed as a result of this proposed rule would be 209 hours (94 responses × 1/4 hour per response for electronic responses and 370 responses × 1/2 hour per response for paper responses.) The burden is based on approximately 15,000 new hires a year, of which approximately 80 percent would be reported electronically by 94 railroad employers and 20 percent would be reported on paper by 370 railroad employers.

Organizations and individuals desiring to submit comments on the information collection requirements should direct them to Laura Oliven, the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, 226 Jackson Place, NW., Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611-2092.

The RRB considers comments by the public on this proposed collection of information in—

(a) Evaluating whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the RRB, including whether the information will have a practical use;

(b) Evaluating the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden on the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Enhancing the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Minimizing the burden of collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate electronic, mechanical, or other automated collection techniques.

OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information contained in these proposed regulations between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 15 days of publication. This does not affect the