

Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, the Austin VORTAC will be decommissioned. This relocation will affect the current Austin Robert Mueller Class C airspace area, and realign the affected jet routes and Federal airways from the Austin VORTAC to the new Centex VORTAC, approximately 10.5 NM to the northeast of the present location of the Austin VORTAC.

The Proposal

The FAA is proposing an amendment to part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) to realign three jet routes and eight Federal airways due to the decommissioning of the Austin VORTAC, and the installation of the Centex VORTAC. The Centex VORTAC will be located approximately 10.5 NM northeast of the present location of the Austin VORTAC. Specifically, J-21, J-25, J-86, V-17, V-76, V-306, V-550, V-558, V-565, V-574, and V-583 would be realigned from the Austin VORTAC to the Centex VORTAC. The FAA is taking this action in support of a plan to close the Austin Robert Mueller Municipal Airport and transfer airport operations to the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

Jet routes and VOR Federal airways are published in Sections 2004 and 6010(a), respectively, 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 jet routes and airways listed in this document would be published subsequently in the Order.

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. 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 AREAS; AIRWAYS; ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

1. The authority citation for 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]

1. 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 2004—Jet Routes

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J-21 [Revised]

From the INT of the United States/Mexican Border and the Laredo, TX, 172° radial via Laredo; San Antonio, TX; Centex, TX; Waco, TX; Ranger, TX; Ardmore, OK; Will Rogers, OK; Wichita, KS; Omaha, NE; Gopher, MN; to Duluth, MN.

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J-25 [Revised]

From Matamoras, Mexico, via Brownsville, TX; INT of the Brownsville 358° and the Corpus Christi, TX, 178° radials; Corpus Christi; INT of the Corpus Christi 311° and the San Antonio, TX, 167° radials; San Antonio; Centex, TX; Waco, TX; Ranger, TX; Tulsa, OK; Kansas City, MO; Des Moines, IA; Mason City, IA; Gopher, MN; Brainerd, MN; to Winnipeg, MB, Canada. The airspace within Canada is excluded. The airspace within Mexico is excluded.

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J-86 [Revised]

From Beatty, NV; INT Beatty 131° and Boulder City, NV, 284° radials; Boulder City; Peach Springs, AZ; Winslow, AZ; El Paso, TX; Fort Stockton, TX; Junction, TX; Humble, TX; Leeville, LA; INT Leeville 104° and Sarasota, FL, 286° radials; Sarasota; INT Sarasota 103° and La Belle, FL, 313° radials; La Belle; to Dolphin, FL.

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Paragraph 6010 VOR Federal Airways

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V-17 [Revised]

From Brownsville, TX, via Harlingen, TX; McAllen, TX; 29 miles 12 AGL, 34 miles 25 MSL, 37 miles 12 AGL; Laredo, TX; Cotulla, TX; INT Cotulla 046° and San Antonio, TX, 198° radials; San Antonio, TX; Centex, TX; Waco, TX; Glen Rose, TX; Milsap, TX; Bowie, TX; Duncan, OK; Will Rogers, OK; Gage, OK; Garden City, KS; to Goodland, KS.

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V-76 [Revised]

From Lubbock, TX, via INT Lubbock 188° and Big Spring, TX, 286° radials; Big Spring; San Angelo; Llano, TX; Centex, TX; Industry, TX; INT Industry 101° and Hobby, TX, 290° radials; to Hobby.

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V-306 [Revised]

From Junction, TX, via Centex, TX; Navasota, TX; INT Navasota 084° and Daisetta, TX, 283° radials; Daisetta; to Lake Charles, LA.

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V-550 [Revised]

From Cotulla, TX, via INT Cotulla 046° and San Antonio, TX, 183° radials; San Antonio; INT San Antonio 032°T(026°M) and Centex, TX, 243°T(237°M) radials; Centex, TX.

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V-558 [Revised]

From Llano, TX; via INT Llano 088°T(082°T) and Centex, TX, 306°T(300°M) radials; Centex; Industry, TX; Eagle Lake, TX; to Hobby, TX.

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V-565 [Revised]

From Llano, TX, via INT Llano 128°T(122°M) and Centex, TX, 277°T(271°M) radials; Centex; College Station, TX; to Lufkin, TX.

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V-574 [Revised]

From Centex, TX; INT Centex 116°T(110°M) and Navasota, TX, 258°T(252°M) radials; Navasota; Humble, TX; Daisetta, TX; Beaumont, TX; to Lake Charles, LA.

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V-583 [Revised]

From Centex, TX; INT Centex 061°T(055°M) and College Station, TX, 273°T(267°M) radials; College Station; Leona, TX; Frankston, TX; Quitman, TX; Paris, TX; to McAlester, OK.

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Issued in Washington, DC, on June 2, 1998.

Reginald C. Matthews,

Acting Program Director for Air Traffic Airspace Management.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

20 CFR Part 404

[Regulations No. 4]

RIN 0960–AE65

Revised Medical Criteria for Determination of Disability, Endocrine System and Related Criteria

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On March 11, 1998, the Social Security Administration (SSA) published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 11854), that would delete the "Obesity" listing from the Listing of Impairments SSA uses to adjudicate claims for disability involving obesity under titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act (the Act) when we evaluate claims of individuals at step 3 of our sequential evaluation process. A 60-day period within which to comment on the NPRM was provided. To allow the public additional time to send us comments, we are extending the comment period.

DATES: To be sure that your comments are considered, we must receive them no later than July 13, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted in writing to the Commissioner of Social Security, P.O. Box 1585, Baltimore, MD 21235, sent by telefax to (410) 966-2830, sent by E-mail to "regulations@ssa.gov", or delivered to the Office of Process and Innovation Management, Social Security Administration, L2109 West Low Rise Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on regular business days. Comments may be inspected during these same hours by making arrangements with the contact person shown below.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert J. Augustine, Legal Assistant, Office of Process and Innovation Management, Social Security Administration, L2109 West Low Rise Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235, (410) 966-5121 for information about these rules. For information on eligibility or claiming benefits, call our national toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 11, 1998 (63 FR 11854), we published "Revised Medical Criteria for Determination of Disability, Endocrine System and Related Criteria" as an NPRM. This NPRM would delete the "Obesity" listing from the Listing of Impairments we use to adjudicate claims for disability involving obesity

under titles II and XVI of the Act when we evaluate claims of individuals at step 3 of our sequential evaluation process. We provided a comment period ending May 11, 1998. We have received a number of requests to extend the comment period. This factor, and the significance of the proposed rule, make it appropriate to extend the comment period through July 13, 1998.

Dated: June 3, 1998.

Kenneth S. Apfel,

Commissioner of Social Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[COTP Western Alaska-98-003]

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Safety Zone; Gulf of Alaska, Southeast of Narrow Cape, Kodiak Island, AK

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to establish a temporary safety zone in the Gulf of Alaska, southeast of Narrow Cape, Kodiak Island, Alaska. The zone is needed to protect the safety of persons and vessels operating in the vicinity of the safety zone during a rocket launch from the Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation, Narrow Cape, Kodiak Island facility. Entry of vessels or persons into this zone is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District, the Coast Guard Captain of the Port, Western Alaska, or his on scene representative. The intended affect of the proposed safety zone is to ensure the safety of human life and property during the rocket launch.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 10, 1998. The proposed safety zone is intended to become effective at 6 a.m. on September 1, 1998, and terminate at 10 p.m. on September 10, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this proposal rule to LCDR Rick Rodriguez, Chief of Port Operations, Coast Guard Captain of the Port Western Alaska, 510 L Street, Suite 100, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LCDR Rick Rodriguez at (907) 271-6700.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Purpose

The Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation (AADC), in conjunction with the United States Air Force, will be launching unmanned rockets from their facility at Narrow Cape, Kodiak Island, Alaska beginning in September 1998. The safety zone is necessary to protect spectators and transiting vessels from the potential hazards associated with the launch.

The launch time is scheduled to take place sometime between September 1, 1998 and September 10, 1998. The Coast Guard will announce via Broadcast Notice to Mariners the anticipated date and time of the launch and will grant general permission to enter the safety zone during those times in which the launch does not pose a hazard to mariners. Because the hazardous condition is expected to last for approximately 4 hours of one day, and because general permission to enter the safety zone will be given during non-hazardous times, the impact of this rule on commercial and recreational traffic is expected to be minimal.

The Coast Guard only recently became aware of the shape and extent of a potential debris path in the unlikely event that a launch is aborted. This information was needed to determine the size and shape of the safety zone protect people and vessels in the vicinity of the launch. Publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking within the usual ninety (90) day comment period is impracticable. A thirty (30) day comment period comment is justified to ensure that a safety zone is in place to protect the safety of human life and property in the trajectory path. The thirty (30) day comment period is also justified because vessel traffic is usually sparse within the safety zone and few comments are expected.

Discussion of the Regulation

The proposed safety zone would include an area approximately 57 square nautical miles in the Gulf of Alaska, southeast of Narrow cape, Kodiak Island, Alaska. Specifically, the proposed zone includes the waters of the Gulf of Alaska that are within the area bounded by a line drawn from a point located at 57°29.7' North, 152°18.9' West, thence southeast to a point located by 57°22.3' North, 152°07.7' West, thence southwest to a point located at 57°18.5' North, 152°16.3' West, and thence northwest to a point located at 57°26.0' North, 152°27.7' West, and thence northeast to the point located at 57°29.7' North, 152°18.9' West. All coordinates reference Datum: NAD 1983.