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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**History**

On February 26, 2002, the FAA published in the **Federal Register** a notice proposing to amend Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 to revise J-10, between Farmington, NM, VORTAC, and the HIPPI intersection (67 FR 8743). Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal. No comments were received.

**The Rule**

This action amends 14 CFR part 71 to revise J-10 between the Farmington, NM, VORTAC, and the HIPPI intersection. The current J-10 route is aligned from Farmington, NM, via the Drake, AZ, VORTAC, to the HIPPI intersection. This action realigns J-10 from Farmington, NM, to the Flagstaff VORTAC, to the HIPPI intersection. This change is part of the FAA's National Airspace Redesign effort and is intended to improve the management of aircraft operations in Arizona.

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 Department of Transportation (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.

Jet routes are published in paragraph 2004, of FAA Order 7400.9J dated August 31, 2001, and effective September 16, 2001, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The jet route listed in this document would be published subsequently in the order.

**Environmental Review**

In accordance with FAA Order 1050.1D, "Policies and Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts," and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, this action is not categorically excluded.

**List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71**

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

**Adoption of the Amendment**

■ In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 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]**

■ 2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9J, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 31, 2001, and effective September 16, 2001, is amended as follows:

*Paragraph 2004—Jet Routes*

**J-10 [Revised]**

From Los Angeles, CA; via INT Los Angeles 083° and Twentynine Palms, CA, 269° radials; Twentynine Palms; INT of Twentynine Palms 075° and Flagstaff 251°, radials; Flagstaff, AZ; Farmington, NM, Blue Mesa, CO; Falcon, CO; North Platte, NE; Wolbach, NE; Des Moines, IA; to Iowa City, IA.

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**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

**14 CFR Part 1260**

**RIN 2700-AC53**

**NASA Grant and Cooperative Agreement Handbook—Incremental Funding**

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This final rule amends the NASA Grant and Cooperative Agreement Handbook by revising the conditions and restrictions for use of incremental funding. The revisions in this area are necessary to increase flexibility while retaining appropriate controls over the number and size of incremental funding actions. The final rule also removes duplicative reference to property standards from the Buy American Encouragement provision; updates the grant and cooperative agreement identification numbering scheme used by NASA; and corrects a summary list of provisions. These changes will ensure the appropriate use of incremental funding of grants, eliminate an unnecessary cross-reference within a provision, and make other internal administrative and technical changes.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 27, 2003.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Background**

This change amends and clarifies the circumstances under which grants and cooperative agreements can be incrementally funded. A previous change in this area was intended to minimize the number of incremental funding actions issued under NASA grants and cooperative agreements in order to increase internal efficiency and decrease the associated workload for grantees. However, the unintended consequences of the change were that the NASA Centers were constrained from awarding and funding lower-dollar-value instruments, especially during the latter part of the Government Fiscal Year and during continuing resolution periods. This regulation has been identified, through a "Freedom to Manage" suggestion, as a barrier that gets in the way of NASA's efficiency and effectiveness. This final rule is intended to correct the situation by allowing the NASA Centers to incrementally fund grants and cooperative agreements more often, including those with a lower dollar value and those that require funding during continuing resolution periods. This final rule retains an adequate level of control over such actions by setting dollar thresholds and establishing local waiver authority for potential exceptions. Additionally, NASA is in the process of implementing a new Agency-wide Integrated Financial Management System. This implementation requires a minor change