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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2003-16180; Airspace Docket No. 03-AEA-14]

Proposed Amendment to Class E Airspace; New York, NY

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This notice proposes to amend the Class E airspace area at New York, NY. The development of multiple area naviagion (RNAV) Copter Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAP) and the proliferation of airports within the metropolitan New York area with approved Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations and the resulting overlap of designated Class E-5 airspace has made this proposal necessary. The proposal would consolidate the Class E-5 airspace designations for twelve airports and result in the recision of five separate Class E-5 descriptions through separate rulemaking action. The area would be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 8, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the proposal to the Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You must identify the docket number FAA-2003-16180/ Airspace Docket No. 03-AEA-14 at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>. You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Docket Office (telephone 1-800-647-5527) is on the plaza level

of the Department of Transportation NASSIF Building at the above address.

An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the office of the Regional Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, Eastern Region, 1 Aviation Plaza, Jamaica, NY 11434-4809.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Francis T. Jordan, Jr., Airspace Specialist, Airspace Branch, AEA-520, Eastern Region, 1 Aviation Plaza, Jamaica, NY 11434-4809, 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. FAA-2003-16180/Airspace Docket No. 03-AEA-14." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter.

Availability of NPRMs

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded through the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA's Web page at <http://www.faa.gov> or the Superintendent of Documents Web page at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>. Additionally, any person may obtain a copy of this notice by submitting a request to the Office of Air Traffic Airspace Management, ATA-400, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591 or by calling (202) 267-8783. Communications must identify both the docket numbers for

this notice. Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRMs should contact the FAA's Office of Rulemaking, (202) 267-9677 to request a copy of Advisory Circular No. 11-2A, which describes the application procedure.

The Proposal

The FAA is considering an amendment to part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 71) to amend the Class E airspace area at New York, NY. The proposal would consolidate the following Class E-5 airspace designations into the New York, NY designation: John F. Kennedy International Airport, NY; LaGuardia Airport, NY; Republic Airport, Farmingdale, NY; Westchester County Airport, White Plains, NY; Ossining, NY; Newark Liberty International Airport, NJ; Teterboro Airport, NJ; Morristown Municipal Airport, NJ; Essex County Airport, Caldwell, NJ; Lincoln Park Airport, NJ; Linden Airport, NJ; Greenwood Lake Airport, West Milford, NJ; Somerset Airport, Somerville, NJ; Sussex Airport, NJ; Aeroflex-Andover Airport, Andover, NJ; Old Bridge Airport, NJ; Princeton Airport, NJ; Solberg-Hunterdon Airport, Readington, NJ; Central Jersey Regional Airport, Manville, NJ. This action would result in the recision of twelve Class E-5 designations under a separate docket. The affected airspace would subsequently be incorporated into the New York, NY description. The airspace will be defined to accommodate the approaches and contain IFR operations to and from those airports. This change would have no impact on aircraft operations since the type of airspace designation is not changing. Furthermore, the IFR approach procedures for the individual airports within the area would not be affected. Class E airspace designations for airspace areas extending upward from 700 ft. or more above the surface are published in Paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9L, dated September 16, 2003 and effective September 15, 2004, 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