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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

#### **14 CFR Part 71**

**[Docket No. FAA-2011-1367; Airspace Docket No. 11-ASO-41]**

#### **Amendment of Class E Airspace; Tullahoma, TN**

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action amends Class E Airspace in the Tullahoma, TN area, as the Arnold Air Force Base has been closed and controlled airspace associated with the airport is being removed. Airspace reconfiguration is necessary for the continued safety and airspace management of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations within the Tullahoma, TN airspace area. This action also makes a minor adjustment to the geographic coordinates of the Tullahoma Regional Airport/Wm Northern Field.

**DATES:** Effective 0901 UTC, July 26, 2012. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under title 1, Code of Federal Regulations, part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.9 and publication of conforming amendments.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## History

On March 2, 2012, the FAA published in the Federal Register a notice of proposed rulemaking to amend Class E airspace at Tullahoma, TN (77 FR 12759). Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received. Class E airspace designations are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9V dated August 9, 2011, and effective September 15, 2011, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR Part 71.1. The Class E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

## The Rule

This amendment to Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 amends Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Tullahoma, TN. Airspace reconfiguration is necessary due to the closing of Arnold Air Force Base, and supports new standard instrument approach procedures developed at Tullahoma Regional Airport/Wm Northern Field. Controlled airspace is necessary for the continued safety and management of IFR operations within the Tullahoma, TN, area. This action also adjusts the geographic coordinates of the Tullahoma Regional Airport/Wm Northern Field to be in concert with the FAA's aeronautical database.

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, is non-controversial and unlikely to result in adverse or negative comments. 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.

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority.

This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it amends controlled airspace in the Tullahoma, TN area.

### **Environmental Review**

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1E, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures," paragraph 311a. This airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment.

### **Lists 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, B, C, D AND E AIRSPACE AREAS;  
AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE 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 Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9V, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 9, 2011, effective September 15, 2011, 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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**ASO TN E5 Tullahoma, TN [Amended]**

Tullahoma Regional Airport/Wm Northern Field, TN  
(lat. 35°22'48"N., long. 86°14'48"W.)

Winchester Municipal Airport  
(lat. 35°10'39"N., long. 86°03'58"W.)

Manchester Medical Center, Point In Space Coordinates  
(lat. 35°29'56"N., long. 86°05'37"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7-mile radius of Tullahoma Regional Airport/Wm Northern Field and within 4 miles either side of the 360° bearing from the airport extending from the 7-mile radius to 12 miles north of the airport, and within an 11-mile radius of Winchester Municipal Airport, and within a 6-mile radius of the point in space (lat. 35°29'56"N., long. 86°05'37"W.) serving Manchester Medical Center

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