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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2016-5388; Airspace Docket No. 16-ACE-4]

Revocation of Class E Airspace; Alliance, NE; and Amendment of Class E Airspace for the following Nebraska Towns; Albion, NE; Alliance, NE; Gothenburg, NE; Holdrege, NE; Imperial, NE; Lexington, NE; and Millard Airport, Omaha, NE

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action removes Class E surface area airspace at Alliance Municipal Airport, Alliance, NE; and modifies Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Albion Municipal Airport, Albion, NE; Alliance Municipal Airport, Alliance, NE; Quinn Field, Gothenburg, NE; Brewster Field Airport, Holdrege, NE; Imperial Municipal Airport, Imperial, NE; Jim Kelly Field, Lexington, NE; and Millard Airport, Omaha, NE. Decommissioning of non-directional radio beacons (NDB), cancellation of NDB approaches, and implementation of area navigation (RNAV) procedures have made this action necessary for the safety and management of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at the above airports. This action also updates the geographic coordinates for Quinn Field, Imperial Municipal Airport, and Jim Kelly Field to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database.

DATES: Effective 0901 UTC, January 5, 2017. 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 7400.11A and publication of conforming amendments.

ADDRESSES: FAA Order 7400.11A, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/. For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20591; telephone: 202-267-8783. The Order is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of FAA Order 7400.11A at NARA, call 202-741-6030, or go to http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal-regulations/ibr_locations.html.

FAA Order 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority for this Rulemaking

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 removes Class E surface area airspace at Alliance Municipal Airport, Alliance, NE; and modifies Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Albion Municipal Airport, Albion, NE; Alliance Municipal Airport; Quinn Field, Gothenburg, NE; Brewster Field Airport, Holdrege, NE; Imperial Municipal Airport, Imperial, NE; Jim Kelly Field, Lexington, NE; and Millard Airport, Omaha, NE.

History

On May 3, 2016, the FAA published in the FEDERAL REGISTER a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to remove Class E surface area airspace at Alliance Municipal Airport, Alliance, NE; and modify Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Albion Municipal Airport, Albion, NE; Alliance Municipal Airport; Quinn Field, Gothenburg, NE; Brewster Field Airport, Holdrege, NE; Imperial Municipal Airport, Imperial, NE; Jim Kelly Field, Lexington, NE; and Millard Airport, Omaha, NE. (81 FR 26503) Docket No. FAA-2016-5388. 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 6002 and 6005, respectively, of FAA Order 7400.11A, dated August 3, 2016, and effective September 15, 2016, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference

This document amends FAA Order 7400.11A, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 3, 2016, and effective September 15, 2016. FAA Order 7400.11A is

publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document. FAA Order 7400.11A lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

The Rule

This amendment to Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 removes Class E surface area airspace at Alliance Airport, Alliance, NE, as the airspace is no longer needed. This action also modifies Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at the following airports:

Within a 6.7-mile radius of Albion Municipal Airport, Albion, NE, with segments extending from the 6.7-mile radius to 9.7 miles southeast, and 6.7 miles northwest, of the airport;

Within a 7.2-mile radius of Alliance Municipal Airport, Alliance, NE;

Within a 7.3-mile radius of Quinn Field, Gothenburg, NE, with segments extending from the 7.3-mile radius of the airport to 11.1 miles northeast, and 7.3 miles southwest, of the airport;

Within a 6.5-mile radius of Brewster Field Airport, Holdrege, NE;

Within a 6.5-mile radius of Imperial Municipal Airport, Imperial, NE;

Within a 6.5-mile radius of Jim Kelly Field, Lexington, NE;

And within a 6.7-mile radius of Millard Airport, Omaha, NE.

Airspace reconfiguration is necessary due to the decommissioning of NDBs, cancellation of NDB approaches, and implementation of RNAV procedures at the above airports for the safety and management of the standard instrument approach procedures for IFR operations at the airports. The geographic coordinates for Quinn Field, Imperial Municipal Airport, and Jim Kelly Field are updated to be in concert with the FAA's aeronautical database.

Regulatory Notices and Analyses

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 only affects air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, does not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Environmental Review

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures," paragraph 5-6.5.a. 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(f), 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 FAA Order 7400.11A, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 3, 2016, and effective September 15, 2016, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6002. Class E Airspace Designated as Surface Areas.

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ACE NE E2 Alliance, NE [Removed]

Paragraph 6005: Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward from 700 feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth.

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ACE NE E5 Albion, NE [Amended]

Albion Municipal Airport, NE
(lat. 41°43'43" N., long. 98°03'21" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.7-mile radius of Albion Municipal Airport, and within 2.6 miles each side of the 154° bearing from the airport extending from the 6.7-mile radius to 9.7 miles southeast of the airport, and within 3.7 miles each side of the 334° bearing from the airport extending from the 6.7-mile radius to 10.1 miles northwest from the airport.

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ACE NE E5 Alliance, NE [Amended]

Alliance Municipal Airport, NE
(lat. 42° 03'12"N., long. 102°48'14"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7.2-mile radius of Alliance Municipal Airport.

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ACE NE E5 Gothenburg, NE [Amended]

Gothenburg, Quinn Field, NE

(lat. 40°55'32"N., long. 100°08'48"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within an 7.3-mile radius of Quinn Field, and within 4 miles each side of the 030° bearing from the airport extending from the 7.3-mile radius to 11.1 miles northeast of the airport, and within 4 miles each side of the 218° bearing from the airport extending from the 7.3-mile radius to 10.5 miles southwest of the airport.

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ACE NE E5 Holdrege, NE [Amended]

Holdrege, Brewster Field Airport, NE

(lat. 40°27'08" N., long. 99°20'11" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.5-mile radius of Brewster Field Airport.

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ACE NE E5 Imperial, NE [Amended]

Imperial Municipal Airport, NE

(lat. 40°30'37"N., long. 101°37'13"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.5-mile radius of Imperial Municipal Airport.

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ACE NE E5 Lexington, NE [Amended]

Lexington, Jim Kelly Field, NE

(lat. 40°47'26"N., long. 99°46'33"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.5-mile radius of Jim Kelly Field.

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ACE NE E5 Omaha, Millard Airport, NE [Amended]

Omaha, Millard Airport, NE

(lat. 41°11'46"N., long. 96°06'44"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.7-mile radius of Millard Airport.

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