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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**14 CFR Part 71**

**[Docket No. FAA-2018-1022; Airspace Docket No. 18-ANE-8]**

**RIN 2120-AA66**

**Amendment of VOR Federal Airways V-115, V-184, V-188, and V-542 in the Vicinity of Tidioute, PA**

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action modifies VHF Omnidirectional Range (VOR) Federal airways V-115, V-184, V-188, and V-542 due to planned decommissioning of the Tidioute, PA, VORTAC navigation aid which provides navigation guidance for segments of the routes. The Tidioute VORTAC is being decommissioned as part of the FAA's VOR Minimum Operational Network (MON) program.

**DATES:** Effective date 0901, October 10, 2019. 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 7400.11 and publication of conforming amendments.

**ADDRESSES:** FAA Order 7400.11C, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at [http://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/).

For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 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 7400.11C at NARA, call (202) 741-6030, or go to <https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/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 the 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 modifies the air traffic service route structure in the eastern United States to maintain the efficient flow of air traffic.

##### **History**

The FAA published a notice of proposed rulemaking for Docket No. FAA-2018-1022 in the FEDERAL REGISTER (83 FR 67163; December 28, 2018) amending VOR Federal airways V-115, V-184, V-188, and V-542. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal. No comments were received.

Domestic VOR Federal airways are published in paragraph 6010(a) of FAA Order 7400.11C dated August 13, 2018, and effective September 15, 2018, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The VOR Federal airways listed in this document will be subsequently published in the Order.

### **Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference**

This document amends FAA Order 7400.11C, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 13, 2018, and effective September 15, 2018. FAA Order 7400.11C is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document. FAA Order 7400.11C lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

### **The Rule**

This action amends Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 by modifying the descriptions of VOR Federal airways V-115, V-184, V-188, and V-542, due to the planned decommissioning of the Tidioute, PA, VORTAC. The route changes are described below.

**V-115:** V-115 currently extends between the Crestview, FL, VORTAC and the Buffalo, NY, VOR/DME. This change removes the route segments between the Franklin, PA, VOR and the Buffalo VOR/DME. The amended route extends between Crestview, FL, and Franklin, PA.

**V-184:** V-184 currently extends between the Erie, PA, VORTAC and the intersection of radials from the Kennedy, NY, VOR/DME and the Robbinsville, NJ, VORTAC. This change removes the segments between the Erie, PA, VORTAC and the Philipsburg, PA, VORTAC. The amended route extends between Philipsburg, PA, and the intersection of radials from the Kennedy, NY, VOR/DME and the Robbinsville, NJ, VORTAC.

**V-188:** V-188 currently extends between the Tidioute, PA, VORTAC and the Groton, CT, VOR/DME. This change removes the segment between the Tidioute, PA, VORTAC and the Slate Run, PA, VORTAC. The amended route extends between Slate Run, PA and Groton, CT.

**V-542:** V-542 currently extends between the Tidioute, PA, VORTAC and the Lebanon, NH, VOR/DME. This change removes the segments between the Tidioute, PA, VORTAC and the Elmira, NY, VOR/DME. The amended route extends between Elmira, NY and Lebanon, NH.

### **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. It, therefore: (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 because 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 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 of modifying VOR Federal airways V-115, V-184, V-188, and V-542 in the eastern United States due to the planned decommissioning of the Tidioute, PA, VORTAC qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act and its agency-specific implementing regulations in FAA Order 1050.1F, “Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures at paragraph 5-6.5a, which categorically excludes from full environmental impact review rulemaking actions that designate or modify classes of airspace areas, airways, routes, and reporting points. Therefore, this airspace action is not expected to result in any significant environmental impacts. In accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, paragraph 5-2 regarding Extraordinary Circumstances, this action has been reviewed

for factors and circumstances in which a normally categorically excluded action may have a significant environmental impact requiring further analysis, and it is determined that no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment.

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

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

### **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 7400.11C, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 13, 2018 and effective September 15, 2018, is amended as follows:

#### **Paragraph 6010(a) – Domestic VOR Federal Airways.**

##### **V-115 [Amended]**

From Crestview, FL; INT Crestview 001° and Montgomery, AL, 204° radials; Montgomery; INT Montgomery 323° and Vulcan, AL, 177° radials; Vulcan; Choo Choo, GA; Volunteer, TN; Hazard, KY; Charleston, WV; Parkersburg, WV; Newcomerstown, OH; INT Newcomerstown 038° and Franklin, PA, 239° radials; to Franklin.

##### **V-184 [Amended]**

From Philipsburg, PA; Harrisburg, PA; INT Harrisburg 135° and Modena, PA, 274° radials; Modena; INT Modena 120° and Woodstown, NJ, 326° radials; Woodstown; Cedar Lake, NJ; Atlantic City, NJ; INT Atlantic City 055° and Kennedy, NY, 198° radials; to INT Kennedy 198° and Robbinsville, NJ, 112° radials.

**V-188 [Amended]**

From Slate Run, PA; Williamsport, PA; Wilkes-Barre, PA; INT Wilkes-Barre 084° and Sparta, NJ, 300° radials; Sparta; INT Sparta 082° and Carmel, NY, 243° radials; Carmel; INT Carmel 078° and Groton, CT, 276° radials; to Groton.

**V-542 [Amended]**

From Elmira, NY; Binghamton, NY; Rockdale, NY; Albany, NY; Cambridge, NY; INT Cambridge 063° and Lebanon, NH, 214° radials; to Lebanon.

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