



## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2025-0670; Airspace Docket No. 25-AGL-4]

RIN 2120-AA66

#### Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Fargo, ND

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action amends the Class D and Class E airspace at Fargo, ND. This action also updates the geographic coordinates of the Hector International Airport, Fargo, ND, and the name of the Fargo VOR/DME to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database. This action is the result of a biennial airspace review, and it brings the airspace into compliance with FAA orders and supports instrument flight rule (IFR) procedures and operations.

**DATES:** Effective 0901 UTC, October 2, 2025. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under 1 CFR part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order JO 7400.11 and publication of conforming amendments.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM), all comments received, this final rule, and all background material may be viewed online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) using the FAA Docket number. Electronic retrieval help and guidelines are available on the website. It is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. An electronic copy of this document may also be downloaded from the Office of the Federal Register's website at [www.federalregister.gov](http://www.federalregister.gov).

FAA Order JO 7400.11J, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at [www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/). You may also contact the Rules and Regulations Group, Office of Policy, Federal Aviation Administration, 800

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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 amends the Class D airspace, the Class E airspace designated as an extension to Class D airspace, and the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Hector International Airport, Fargo, ND, to support IFR operations at this airport.

**History**

The FAA published an NPRM for Docket No. FAA-2025-0670 in the *Federal Register* (90 FR 16475; April 18, 2025) proposing to amend the Class D and Class E airspace at Fargo, ND. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received.

**Incorporation by Reference**

Class D and E airspace designations are published in paragraphs 5000, 6004, and 6005 of FAA Order JO 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 on an annual basis. This document amends the current version of that order, FAA Order JO 7400.11J, dated July 31, 2024, and effective September 15, 2024. These

amendments will be published in the next update to FAA Order JO 7400.11. FAA Order JO 7400.11J, which lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points, is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

### **Differences from the NPRM**

The current Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface legal description includes airspace extending upward from 2,700 feet MSL. The NPRM did not mention that this airspace was also being removed as it is also redundant to the Class E airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface over the State of North Dakota and State of Minnesota. As this omission does not change the airspace as proposed and only removes a redundancy, the FAA has determined that good cause exists for not recirculating this action for public comment, and the omission is being corrected in this action.

### **The Rule**

This action modifies 14 CFR part 71 by:

Amending the Class D airspace to within a 4.4-mile (reduced from a 4.5-mile) radius of Hector International Airport, Fargo, ND;

Amending the Class E airspace designated as an extension to Class D airspace: (1) to within 1.9 (increased from 1.7) miles each side of the 009° bearing (previously radial) of the Fargo VOR/DME extending from the 4.4-mile (reduced from a 4.5-mile) radius of Hector International Airport to 6.6 (reduced from 7.8) miles south of the airport; and (2) removing the city associated with the airport in the header of the airspace legal description to comply with changed to FAA Order JO 7400.2P, Procedures for Handling Airspace Matters.

Also, amending the Class E airspace extending from 700 ft above the surface: (1) to within a 6.9-mile (reduced from a 7-mile) radius of Hector International Airport; (2) removing the extensions north, southwest, and south of the airport as they are no longer needed; (3) adding an extension 1.1 miles each side of the 009° bearing from the Fargo VOR/DME extending from the 6.9-mile radius to 8.1 miles south of the airport; (4) removing the airspace extending upward

from 1,200 feet above the surface as it is redundant to the Class E airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface over the State of North Dakota and State of Minnesota; (5) removing the airspace extending upward from 2,700 feet MSL as it is redundant to the Class E airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface over the State of North Dakota and State of Minnesota; (6) removing the city associated with the airport in the header of the airspace legal description to comply with changes to FAA Order JO 7400.2P; and (7) updating the geographic coordinates of Hector International Airport and the name of the Fargo VOR/DME (previously Fargo VORTAC) to coincide 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. 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 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 14 CFR 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 JO 7400.11J, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated July 31, 2024, and effective September 15, 2024, is amended as follows:

#### **Paragraph 5000. Class D Airspace.**

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#### **AGL ND D Fargo, ND [Amended]**

Hector International Airport, ND  
(Lat 46°55'14"N, long 96°48'57"W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 3,400 feet MSL within a 4.4-mile radius of Hector International Airport.

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#### **Paragraph 6004. Class E Airspace Areas Designated as an Extension to a Class D or Class**

#### **E Surface Area.**

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#### **AGL ND E4 Fargo, ND [Amended]**

Hector International Airport, ND  
(Lat 46°55'14"N, long 96°48'57"W)  
Fargo VOR/DME  
(Lat 46°45'12"N, long 96°51'05"W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface within 1.9 miles each side of the 009° bearing from the Fargo VOR/DME extending from the 4.4-mile radius of Hector International Airport to 6.6 miles south of the airport.

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**Paragraph 6005. Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward From 700 Feet or More Above  
the Surface of the Earth.**

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**AGL ND E5 Fargo, ND [Amended]**

Hector International Airport, ND

(Lat 46°55'14"N, long 96°48'57"W)

Fargo VOR/DME

(Lat 46°45'12"N, long 96°51'05"W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.9-mile radius of Hector International Airport; and within 1.1 miles each side of the 009° bearing from the Fargo VOR/DME extending from the 6.9-mile radius of the airport to 8.1 miles south of the airport.

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