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The Proposal

The FAA is proposing to amend Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 71 (part 71) by establishing two colored Federal airways, A-5 and B-1, in Alaska. Presently there are several uncharted nonregulatory routes that use the same routing as the proposed colored Federal airways. These uncharted nonregulatory routes are used daily by commercial and general aviation aircraft. However, the air traffic control (ATC) management of aircraft operations is limited on these routes. The FAA is proposing to convert these uncharted nonregulatory routes to colored Federal airways. This action would add to the IFR airway and route structure in Alaska. The routes conversion would provide an airway structure to support existing commercial services in Alaska.

Additionally, adoption of these Federal airways would: (1) Provide pilots with minimum en route altitudes and minimum obstruction clearance altitudes information; (2) establish controlled airspace thus eliminating

some of the commercial IFR operations in uncontrolled airspace; and (3) improve the management of air traffic operations and thereby enhance safety.

Colored Federal airways are published in paragraph 6009 of FAA Order 7400.9K dated August 30, 2002, and effective September 16, 2002, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR Section 71.1. The colored Federal airways 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 regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. Therefore, this proposed regulation: (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 proposed 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.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

The Proposed Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

PART 71—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, CLASS B, CLASS C, CLASS D, AND CLASS E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIRWAYS; 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 the FAA Order 7400.9K, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 30, 2002, and effective September 16, 2002, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6009(c)—Amber Federal Airways

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A-5 [New]

From Ambler, AK, NDB to Evansville, AK, NDB.

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Paragraph 6009(d)—Blue Federal Airways

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B-1 [New]

From Woody Island, AK, NDB to Iliamna, AK, NDB.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2002-14010; Airspace Docket No. 02-AAL-09]

RIN 2120-AA66

Proposed Modification and Revocation of Federal Airways; AK

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This notice proposes to revoke two Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range (VOR) Federal airways, Victor 307 and 362 (V-307 and V-362); and revise Victor 317 (V-317) and Colored Federal Airway Amber 15 (A-15) in Alaska. The FAA is proposing this action due to the decommissioning of the McInnes Nondirectional Radio Beacon (NDB), Canada.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 17, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on this 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-2002-14010/ Airspace Docket No. 02-AAL-9, 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, 222 West 7th Avenue, #14, Anchorage, AK 99533.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken McElroy, Airspace and Rules Division, ATA-400, Office of Air Traffic Airspace Management, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8783.

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, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal. Communications should identify both docket numbers 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 Docket No. FAA-2002-14010/Airspace Docket No. 02-AAL-09." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter. All communications received on or before the specified closing date for comments will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this notice may be changed in light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the public docket both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

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Background

In November 2002, the FAA was notified by NAV Canada that the continued operation of the Canadian Coast Guard's McInnes Island NDB was in jeopardy and that action was needed to reconfigure airways using the McInnes NDB.

The Proposal

The FAA is proposing to amend Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 (part 71) that in part revokes two VOR Federal Airways (V-307 and V362); and modifies VOR Federal Airway V-317, and Colored Federal Airway A-15, in Alaska. The FAA is proposing this action in preparation for the decommissioning of the McInnes Nondirectional Radio Beacon (NDB), Canada.

Colored Federal airways and Alaska VOR Federal airways are published in paragraphs 6009© and paragraph 6010(b), respectively, of FAA Order 7400.9K dated August 30, 2002, and effective September 16, 2002, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR Section 71.1. The colored Federal airway and Alaskan VOR Federal airways listed in this document would be published subsequently in the order.

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2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order 7400.9K, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 30, 2002, and effective September 16, 2002, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6010(b) Alaskan VOR Federal Airways

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V-307 [Revoke]

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V-362 [Revoke]

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V-317 [Revised]

From Vancouver, BC, Canada via Comox, BC, Canada; Port Hardy, BC, Canada; Sandspit, BC, Canada; Annette Island, AK; Level Island, AK; Sisters Island, AK; to INT Sisters Island 272° and Yakutat, AK, 139° radials. The airspace within Canada is excluded.

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Paragraph 6009(c)—Amber Federal Airways

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A-15 [Revised]

From Port Hardy, BC, Canada, NDB, via Nichols, AK, NDB; Sumner Strait, AK, NDB; Coghlan Island, AK, NDB; Haines, AK, NDB; Burwash, YT, Canada, NDB; Nabesna, AK, NDB; to Delta Junction, AK, NDB. From Chena, AK, NDB via Chandalar Lake, AK, NDB; Put River, AK, NDB. The airspace within Canada is excluded.

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