

airport. This action is necessary to establish controlled airspace extending upward from the surface for aircraft operating under instrument flight rules (IFR) to and from the Worcester Municipal Airport during the times when the air traffic control tower is closed.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 19, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Manager, System Management Branch, ANE-530, Federal Aviation Administration, Docket No. 95-ANE-60, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299; telephone (617) 238-7530; fax (617) 238-7596.

The official docket file may be examined in the Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, New England Region, ANE-7, Room 401, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299; telephone (617) 238-7040; fax (617) 238-7055.

An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours in the Air Traffic Division, Room 408, by contacting the Manager, System Management Branch at the first address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Raymond Duda, System Management Branch, ANE-533, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299; telephone (617) 238-7533; fax (617) 238-7596.

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, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal. Communications should identify the airspace docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address listed first under **ADDRESSES** 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. 95-ANE-61." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter. All communications received on or before the 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 Rules 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.

Availability of NPRMs

Any person may obtain a copy of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) by submitting a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Public Affairs, Attention: Public Inquiry Center, APA-230.800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591, or by calling (202) 267-3484.

Communications must identify the notice number of this NPRM. Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRM's should also request a copy of Advisory Circular No. 11-2A, which describes the application procedures.

The Proposal

The FAA is considering an amendment to part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) to establish a Class E surface area at the Worcester Municipal Airport, Worcester, MA (ORH). Since the air traffic control tower (ATCT) at Worcester does not operate continuously, aircraft operating under instrument flight rules (IFR) to and from Worcester would not have had the benefit of weather reports from the airport during the times when the tower is closed. The lack of continuous weather reporting also required that the controlled airspace for Worcester could not extend to the surface. Recently, however, an Automated Surface Observation System (ASOS) has been commissioned at Worcester, making weather reporting now available continuously. As result, this action is necessary to establish controlled airspace extending from the surface for those aircraft operating to and from Worcester under IFR during the times when the ATCT is closed. Class E airspace designations for airspace areas extending upward from the surface of the earth in the vicinity of airports are published in paragraph 6002 of FAA Order 7400.9C, dated August 17, 1995, and effective September 16, 1995, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document would be published subsequently in this Order.

The FAA has determined that these proposed regulations only involve an established body of technical

regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. Therefore these proposed regulations—(1) are not "significant regulatory actions" under Executive Order 12866; (2) are not "significant rules" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) do not warrant preparation of a Regulatory Evaluation as these routine matters will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that these proposed rules will not have 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

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) as follows:

PART 71—[Amended]

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; 14 CFR 11.69.

§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9C, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 17, 1994, and effective September 16, 1995, is amended as follows:

Subpart E—Class E Airspace

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Paragraph 6002 Class E surface areas extending upward from the surface of the earth.

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Worcester Municipal Airport, MA
(Lat. 42°16'02" N, long. 71°52'32" W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface within a 4.2-mile radius of Worcester Municipal Airport. This Class E airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective dates and times will thereafter be continuously published in the Airport/Facility Directory.

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