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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

#### **14 CFR Part 71**

**[Docket No. FAA-2013-0270; Airspace Docket No. 13-AGL-4]**

### **Amendment of Class D Airspace; Columbus, Rickenbacker International Airport, OH**

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action amends Class D airspace at Rickenbacker International Airport, Columbus, OH. Changes to the airspace description are necessary due to the closure of South Columbus Airport. The FAA is taking this action to enhance the safety and management of Instrument Flight Rule (IFR) operations at the airport. The airport name and geographic coordinates are also updated.

**DATES:** Effective date: 0901 UTC, October 17, 2013. 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 7400.9 and publication of conforming amendments.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## **History**

On May 24, 2013, the FAA published in the FEDERAL REGISTER a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend Class D airspace for Rickenbacker International Airport (78 FR 31428), Docket No. FAA-2013-0270. 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 D airspace designations are published in paragraph 5000 of FAA Order 7400.9W dated August 8, 2012, and effective September 15, 2012, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR Part 71.1. The Class D airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

## **The Rule**

This action amends Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) Part 71 by amending Class D airspace at Rickenbacker International Airport, Columbus, OH, to reflect the closure of South Columbus Airport. The exclusion of controlled airspace within a 1.3-mile radius is no longer needed and is removed from the airspace description, restoring Class D airspace to a 4.5-mile radius of Rickenbacker International Airport for the safety and management of IFR operations at the airport. The geographic coordinates of Rickenbacker International Airport, formerly called Rickenbacker Airport, are updated to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database.

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. Therefore, this 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 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.

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the U.S. Code. Subtitle 1, 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 controlled airspace at Rickenbacker International Airport, Columbus, OH.

### **Environmental Review**

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1E, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures," paragraph 311a. 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.

### **List 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 14 CFR 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 Part 71.1 of the Federal Aviation  
Administration Order 7400.9W, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August  
8, 2012, and effective September 15, 2012, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 5000: Class D airspace.

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**AGL OH D Columbus, Rickenbacker International Airport, OH [Amended]**

Columbus, Rickenbacker International Airport, OH  
(lat. 39°48'50"N., long. 82°55'40"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 3,000 feet MSL within a  
4.5-mile radius of Rickenbacker International Airport, excluding that airspace within the  
Port Columbus International Airport, OH, Class C airspace area.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on July 25, 2013.

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