Amendment of the Class E Airspace; Bowling Green and Somerset, KY

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends the Class E airspace area designated as a surface area and the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Bowling Green-Warren County Regional Airport, Bowling Green, KY, and Lake Cumberland Regional Airport, Somerset, KY. This action is due to an airspace review caused by the decommissioning of the Bowling Green VHF omnidirectional range (VOR) navigation aid, which provided navigation information for the instrument procedures at these airports, as part of the VOR Minimum Operational Network (MON) Program. The name and geographic coordinates of Lake Cumberland Regional Airport are also being updated to coincide with the FAA’s aeronautical database.

DATES: Effective 0901 UTC, May 21, 2020. 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 7400.11D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/. For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation
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 E airspace area designated as a surface area and the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Bowling Green-Warren County Regional Airport, Bowling Green, KY, and Lake Cumberland Regional Airport, Somerset, KY, to support instrument flight rule operations at these airports.

History

The FAA published a notice of proposed rulemaking in the FEDERAL REGISTER (84 FR 65036; November 26, 2019) for Docket No. FAA-2019-0834 to amend the Class E airspace area designated as a surface area and the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above
the surface at Bowling Green-Warren County Regional Airport, Bowling Green, KY, and Lake Cumberland Regional Airport, Somerset, KY. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. One comment was received that did not pertain to this action. No response is provided.

Class E airspace designations are published in paragraph 6002, and 6005, respectively, of FAA Order 7400.11D, dated August 8, 2019, and effective September 15, 2019, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference

This document amends FAA Order 7400.11D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 8, 2019, and effective September 15, 2019. FAA Order 7400.11D is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document. FAA Order 7400.11D lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

The Rule

This amendment to Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71:

Amends the Class E airspace area designated as a surface area at Bowling Green-Warren County Regional Airport, Bowling Green, KY, by removing the Bowling Green VORTAC and associated extension from the airspace legal description; and adds an extension within 1 mile each side of the 030° bearing from the airport extending from the 4.2-mile radius to 4.5 miles north of the airport;

Amends the Class E airspace area designated as a surface area at Lake Cumberland Regional Airport, Somerset, KY, by removing the Bowling Green VORTAC from the airspace legal description; adds an extension within 1 mile each side of the 043° bearing from the airport extending from the 4-mile radius to 4.8 miles northeast of the airport; and updates the name and
geographic coordinates of Lake Cumberland Regional Airport (previously Somerset—Pulaski County—J.T. Wilson Field Airport) to coincide with the FAA’s aeronautical database;

Amends the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface to within a 6.7-mile radius (increased from a 6.6-mile radius) of Bowling Green-Warren County Regional Airport; and removes the Bowling Green VORTAC and associated extension from the airspace legal description;

And amends the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface to within a 6.5-mile radius (decreased from an 8.6-mile radius) of Lake Cumberland Regional Airport; removes the Cumberland River NDB and associated extension as they are no longer required; adds an extension 8 miles south and 3.8 miles north of the 228° bearing from the Lake Cumberland Regional: RWY 05-LOC extending from the 6.5-mile radius of the Lake Cumberland Regional Airport to 10 miles southwest of the Lake Cumberland Regional: RWY 05-LOC; and updates the name and geographic coordinates of the Lake Cumberland Regional Airport (previously Somerset—Pulaski County—J.T. Wilson Field Airport) to coincide with the FAA’s aeronautical database.

This action is the result of an airspace review caused by the decommissioning of the Bowling Green VOR, which provided navigation information for the instrument procedures at these airports, as part of the VOR MON Program.

FAA Order 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

**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, is non-controversial and unlikely to result in adverse or negative
comments. 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 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 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 7400.11D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 8, 2019, and effective September 15, 2019, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6002. Class E Airspace Areas Designated as a Surface Area.

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**ASO KY E2 Bowling Green, KY [Amended]**
Bowling Green-Warren County Regional Airport, KY,
(lat. 36°57’52"N., long. 86°25’11"W.)

Within a 4.2-mile radius of Bowling Green-Warren County Regional Airport, and within 1 mile each side of the 030° bearing from the airport extending from the 4.2-mile radius to 4.5 miles north of the airport.

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**ASO KY E2 Somerset, KY [Amended]**
Lake Cumberland Regional Airport, KY
(lat. 37°03’13"N., long. 84°36’56"W.)

Within a 4-mile radius of Lake Cumberland Regional Airport, and within 1 mile each side of the 043° bearing from the airport extending from the 4-mile radius to 4.8 miles northeast of the airport.

Paragraph 6005. Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward from 700 feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth.

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**ASO KY E5 Bowling Green, KY [Amended]**
Bowling Green-Warren County Regional Airport, KY
(lat. 36°57’52"N., long. 86°25’11"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.7-mile radius of Bowling Green-Warren County Regional Airport.

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**ASO KY E5 Somerset, KY [Amended]**
Lake Cumberland Regional Airport, KY
(lat. 37°03’13"N., long. 84°36’56"W.)
Lake Cumberland Regional: RWY 05-LOC, KY
That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within an 6.5-mile radius of the Lake Cumberland Regional Airport, and within 8 miles south and 3.8 miles north of the 228° bearing from the Lake Cumberland Regional: RWY 05-LOC extending from the 6.5-mile radius of the Lake Cumberland Regional Airport to 10 miles southwest of the Lake Cumberland Regional: RWY 05-LOC.

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