

NOTICE

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FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
Air Traffic Organization Policy

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SUBJ: Naming of Waypoints, Intersections, and DME Fixes

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice amends one of the requirements for renaming fixes or waypoints in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order JO 7400.2, Procedures for Handling Airspace Matters. A move of a fix or waypoint of more than 1 NM, rather than 5 NM, requires a name change. This change keeps the terminology the same as it is currently published and only changes the numerical value.

2. Audience. This notice applies to the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units: En Route and Oceanic, Terminal, Mission Support, and System Operations; ATO Safety; and Flight Standards organizations.

3. Where Can I Find This Notice? This notice is available on the MyFAA employee Web site at https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices/ and on the air traffic publications Web site at http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/.

4. Action. Amend paragraph 3-4-4 to read as follows:

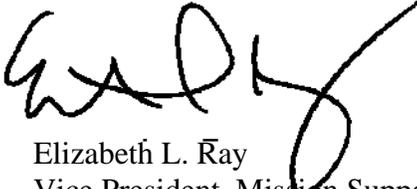
3-3-4. NAMING OF WAYPOINTS, INTERSECTIONS, AND DME FIXES

Title through e, no change.

f. A fix or waypoint name change is required if a fix/waypoint is moved 1 nautical mile (NM) or more unless operational requirements dictate otherwise.

5. Distribution. This notice is distributed to the following ATO service units: Terminal, En Route and Oceanic, System Operations, and Mission Support; ATO Safety; the Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service; the William J. Hughes Technical Center; and the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.

6. Background. Several industry groups have raised concern through the Aeronautical Charting Forum - Instrument Procedures Group (ACF-IPG) that the current FAA practice may cause problems when aircraft are inflight when the on-board avionics database expires. It is recommended the FAA standard be reduced to require a name change whenever a fix move exceeds 1 NM. This will require a change to FAA Order 8260.19 and FAA Order 7400.2


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